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Gilmour was the 'standby' stalking horse

Europe becomes Tory leadership battlefield

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Wood

The future of the European Community became the main battleground last night for the first Conservative Party leadership contest for 14 years.

It got under way when both Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Sir Anthony Meyer, her challenger, put in their nomination papers for an election which will be held on Tuesday.

No other candidates are expected when the nominations close at noon today. But all the indications are that Sir Ian Gilmour, the former Cabinet minister, would have challenged Mrs Thatcher had not Sir Anthony, MP for Clwyd North-west, come forward.

Sir Anthony had originally hoped to pave the way for a more substantial candidate. But he is felt by other dissidents to have handled himself so well that there is no point in anyone else coming forward. His candidature is designed to give MPs an opportunity to register dissatisfaction with Mrs Thatcher. He is felt to be doing that as well as any other candidate could have done.

Indeed there is a feeling that he may do better in detaching votes from Mrs Thatcher than some better known potential contenders, including Sir Ian, would have done.

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Sir Anthony explains his reasons for challenging Mrs Thatcher in an article in *The Times* today. He says that Mrs Thatcher is not the best person "to safeguard her own splendid achievements". It was Mrs Thatcher's "obvious distaste" for everything which emanates from the European Community which has converted his "hesitations into conviction" that he should provoke an election.

He writes: "Never has Mrs Thatcher's insistence on the retention of every scrap of national sovereignty seemed so dangerously unwise."

The election will take place at the height of preparations for next week's European Community summit in Strasbourg when Mrs Thatcher will fight against plans for greater economic and monetary union and the social charter.

Mrs Thatcher herself was heading for a certain clash with European leaders next week as the Government dashed hopes of a compromise on the social charter.

With the leadership election taking place at the height of preparations for the European summit Mrs Thatcher's supporters are far from displeased that Europe has become central to the battle.

Yesterday Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, made plain that the Community's attempts to water down the controversial document on workers' rights were not sufficient to satisfy Britain. "The social charter, at least in its present form, is a recipe for job stagnation, not job growth," he declared.

His verdict was backed up by an uncompromising message from government sources. "We don't propose to sign up to anything that runs counter to the policies that we have been pursuing for 10 years," one senior source said.

If, as seems certain, Britain is outvoted at Strasbourg and the charter, which is said to have no legal authority, is adopted, the way will be open for the commission to bring forward the legally-binding directives implementing it.

Depending on the article under which those are tabled, all or some could be subject to majority voting and continued British defiance could result in action in the European Court.

Mrs Thatcher will also be opposing in Strasbourg moves to set up an inter-governmental conference to look at the next stages of economic and monetary union proposed by M Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, whom she meets in London tomorrow. Labour condemned the Government's stance on the social charter, saying the rest of the EC was "aghast" at the Government's refusal to endorse the measures.

Mr Tony Blair, the Opposition employment spokesman, said the charter would represent an important first step towards greater rights for workers in the EC, and was an indispensable part of securing the assent of the people.

Sir Ian Gilmour, MP for Chesham and Amersham, served in Mrs Thatcher's first Government as Lord Privy Seal and deputy Foreign Secretary. An implacable opponent of monetarism, he was dismissed in September 1981 and declared on leaving the Government that Mrs Thatcher was "steering full speed ahead for the rocks."



Sir Ian: Not in the ring to fight Mrs Thatcher.

Five-year ceasefire in battle for Savoy Hotel



JAMES MORGAN

Truce time: Mr Giles Shepard (left) with Mr Rocco Forte after announcing the cessation of hostilities in London yesterday.

Forte on board of directors

By Carol Leonard

Trust House Forte has ended its legal battle for control of the Savoy hotel group and the two companies have agreed to a five-year ceasefire.

The Savoy has consented finally to give Lord Forte's son, Rocco, chief executive of Trust House Forte, and Mr Donald Main, finance director, seats on the main board, bringing the acrimonious eight-year dispute to at least a temporary conclusion.

Mr Rocco Forte and Mr Main will also be given seats on a new six-member strategic planning committee. However, the Savoy stressed that the daily management of its businesses, which include the Berkeley, Claridges, the Connaught and Simpson's-in-the-Strand, would continue to be the responsibility of Mr Giles Shepard, the incumbent managing director, and the existing management.

In return, THF – which owns 69 per cent of the Savoy's equity but, because of a two-tier share structure, only 42 per cent of voting rights – has undertaken not to buy any more shares for at least five years. The Savoy has agreed that it will not issue any additional shares, thus watering down the THF holding, without THF approval.

The dispute began in 1981 when THF bought the bulk of its present share holding and launched an unsuccessful takeover for the group. In 1982, THF proposed that Mr Eric Hartwell, then its chief executive, be elected to the Savoy board as a non-executive director. This request and

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Prague's Communists regroup as democracy dialogue stalls

From Richard Bassett
Prague

Czechoslovakia's hardline Communists began to mobilize last night in an attempt to regain the initiative as talks with Civil Forum became bogged down.

Leaflets purporting to come from the large power plants in Ostrava in northern Moravia appeared in Prague calling for a general strike in favour of "defending socialism". If genuine, such an action could cripple the country and reinforce the atmosphere of unease.

However, a Government official said elections were expected within a year, and the Federal Assembly voted to abolish constitutional references to the leading role of the Communist Party in politics and society. Deputies also approved constitutional amendments that will scrap references to Marxist-Leninism as the state ideology.

But conservative deputies criticized the latest political developments and started delaying tactics to win time.

Mr Jan Risco, a hardliner and former head of Czechoslovak Radio, asked in the assembly that all decisions on talks with the opposition be discussed first by party committees. This would effectively paralyse decision-making in the party for days.

The tough nature of the debate yesterday underlined the power of the forces of conservatism. They are helped by Civil Forum's failure to behave with political maturity. Demands for the removal of President Husak by December 10 have played straight into the hands of these conservatives.

Instead of using Mr Husak to dissolve the Government and appoint a new one with reformers, they are driving him into a corner where his legal powers can only be used to obstruct reform.

A moderate senior Communist said: "Civil Forum has not learned the first vital lesson of politics: that they must use some of their enemies to destroy the rest of their opponents at first."

According to other party sources, Mr Ladislav Adamec, the Prime Minister, has rejected demands for Mr Husak's resignation and Civil Forum's plea that the People's Militia be disbanded. This reformist Communists argue, is an error.

In 1968 the disbanding of the People's Militia was seen as the first proof of "counter-revolution" by the conservatives. This argument could be resurrected today with equally damaging effects.

Meanwhile, Mr Zdenek Mlynar, the former number three of the Prague Spring of 1968, exiled in Vienna after interrogation in Moscow, was expected to speak on television last night on the subject of 1968.

Party sources indicated that he was a possible successor to the new party chief, Mr Karel Urbanek, elected only at the weekend but seen here as "the most transitional of transitional figures".

Rome (Reuter) – Security agents reached for their guns when a man police described as mentally disturbed rushed at President Gorbachov's limousine here last night. The man was arrested.

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● There was one winner of yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio Platinum prize (see page 3). Today's chance to win £2,000: Page 30

● The regeneration of Trieste, and the northern Italian region it dominates, is the subject of a special four-page report beginning on Page 39

No licence for Sky viewer

A viewer who watched only Sky satellite broadcasts did not need a television licence, a court ruled yesterday. Mr Barry Neal, aged 45, of Rugby, said he had disconnected his aerial cable because he no longer wanted BBC and independent programmes. But viewers of British Satellite Broadcasting (BSB), which begins services next year, will still need a licence ..... Page 3

NHS attack

A concerted attack on the Government's National Health Service Bill was mounted yesterday by doctors, nurses and midwives. They said that the Bill had failed to reflect the concerns they had expressed to ministers, and that the Prime Minister had turned down a request for a meeting .. Page 2

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Gandhi quits as fragile hotchpotch takes over

From Christopher Thomas, Delhi

A sombre Mr Rajiv Gandhi resigned as Prime Minister yesterday, ending five years of power that saw him tumble to a humiliating electoral rejection.

Several opposition parties attempted to assemble a hotchpotch partnership to form India's ninth government since independence.

A meeting of MPs from the National Front opposition group, which was supposed to have chosen a leader yesterday to be put forward as Prime Minister, was postponed until today – a sure sign of difficulties. Mr Vishwanath Pratap Singh, leader of Janata Dal, the dominant member of the National Front, is likely to be persuaded to take the top job. The plan is for the National Front to be supported from the outside by left-wing parties – principally the two communist groups – and the right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party.

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Mr Gandhi was endorsed last night as leader of Congress (I), and he will now take his party into opposition.

Confidence in economy plunges

By Our City Staff

The latest monthly MORI poll of senior British businessmen reveals a dramatic loss of confidence in the Government's economic policies.

The poll comes as the authoritative National Institute of Economic and Social Research says that a further rise in interest rates may well cause a recession.

The gloomy MORI poll was culled from 500 managers just below director level from among the 750 biggest industrial and service companies.

Fifty-three per cent of respondents expected the economy to worsen next year, against 42 per cent in the previous month's poll and only 22 per cent in January and February.

Among the general public 47 per cent expect the economic situation to deteriorate.

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Police insist Cup fans were drunk

By Peter Davenport

Police officers allege they were prevented from disclosing evidence of "mass drunkenness" among Liverpool football fans at the Hillsborough FA Cup disaster last April.

The claims were published in *Police*, the magazine of the Police Federation, on the day that thousands of Liverpool supporters, who saw 95 of their friends die last April, returned to the Sheffield stadium for the first time.

Supporters arriving outside the Leppings Lane turnstiles for last night's First Division fixture expressed outrage about the allegations.

However the author of the article, Mr Tony Judge, the editor of the magazine which circulates among the federation's 120,000 members, defended its accuracy. He agreed the timing of its publication was unfortunate.

The allegations are bound to revive the sense of anger expressed on Merseyside after similar claims were made immediately after the disaster. In his inquiry report Lord Justice Taylor said that although some fans had been drinking heavily, drink was not a major factor.

Mr Trevor Hicks of the Hillsborough Support Group said : "This article is insensitive in its timing and highly offensive in content. It can serve no purpose other than to be wildly provocative."

One unnamed officer was quoted as saying: "We didn't kill those fans. They were killed by so-called supporters acting in mindless fashion and someone ought to have the guts to say so."

Another is reported as saying: "When it came to the inquiry we were told 'forget the drink problem. They (the inquiry) have accepted it'."

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Britain's war widows 'worse off' than Germans

By John England, Bonn
and Ruth Gledhill, London

German war widows receive up to three times more in pensions and compensation than do British widows of the Second World War, and campaigners working for a fairer deal expressed anger yesterday at a system which "leaves British widows far worse off than those in the country we fought against".

German war widows, they point out, receive the equivalent of between £155 and £170 a week; British women widowed before 1973 receive between £56 and £71.

Frau Erna Koch, a campaigner for West German widows, receives £170 a week, made up of a pension of £48 and £122 from an insurance fund which pays a sum based on what her husband would have earned if he had lived to 65. If she did not qualify for this the State would make up her weekly income to the £155 minimum.

The German system is designed to ensure that war widows receive at least 75 per cent of the average industrial wage in West Germany plus a rent subsidy of £17.50.

Frau Koch, aged 76, from Bonn, said she regarded her basic pension as "just pocket money", adding: "We are well cared for."

German war widows are also entitled to a three-to-four week health cure every year, for which they pay only their basic pension for the appropriate period.

They also receive virtually free sickness insurance and, if they stay in a nursing home, which costs about £260 a week, local authorities pay half the fee unless their children can do so.

An additional benefit for handicapped widows is a pass entitling them to unlimited travel by bus or train within a 30-mile radius of their home towns for just £40 a year.

Frau Koch's Widows' Association holds "surgeries" on three days a week at which women can seek help with social or health problems. If necessary the association will apply to the authorities for more money or nursing care for handicapped widows.

Many British war widows do not begrudge the Germans their better treatment. Mrs Janet Hoffman, membership secretary of the War Widows' Association of Great Britain, said: "I am very pleased for Frau Koch. I wish our widows were as well treated."

But Major-General Laurie Gingell, general secretary of the Officers' Pensions Society leading the campaign for better pensions in Britain, said: "I think it is disgraceful that our former enemies can look after their widows so much better than we can.

"We have always, as a nation, said the British have a sense of fair play. We pride ourselves on the great British sense of justice, yet this fair play is non-existent when it comes to war widows."

The number of MPs to sign a Commons motion on war pensions is now 109.

NEWS ROUNDUP

Controllers walk out in 999 dispute

The ambulance dispute escalated again last night when staff in the London Ambulance control room walked out in support of suspended crews, forcing senior managers to handle 999 emergency calls (Tim Jones writes).

Mr Tom Crosby, acting chief ambulance officer, condemned the action and said the public should continue to use the 999 service in the normal way. The London Ambulance Service claimed that the control assistants had given only 10 minutes' notice of their intention to walk out unless ambulance crews in London were reinstated.

The control assistants claimed their walk out came after Mr Crosby refused to meet them. One said: "We are fed up not being able to pass calls to ambulance stations to save people's lives." The controllers, who received a rapturous reception from crew members when they walked out, said they planned to return and sit in a room near the telephones so they could start work immediately there was any reinstatement of crews.

The National Union of Public Employees said last night that 10 of the country's 46 ambulances services were now using the Army or police to sustain services.

●The National Union of Teachers yesterday criticized teachers at Islington Green School, north London, who voted to strike in support of the ambulance workers.

Councils must pay

Mr Chris Patten, the Secretary of State for the Environment, told Oxfordshire County Council and South Oxfordshire District Council yesterday they must pay a £300,000 bill for their costs at an inquiry last year in which they successfully opposed plans for a new town to be sited near Great Haseley.

He has overturned the view of the department inspector, Mr Maurice Astrinsky, who had originally said the developers, Consortium Developments, had acted unreasonably in putting forward the plans and recommended they paid the councils' costs.

Lecturers vote on 6%

Leaders of Britain's polytechnic lecturers and their employers agreed a 6 per cent pay increase yesterday (Sam Kiley writes). It will be put to the 17,000 members of the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education later this week in a move that should bring an end to a three-week boycott of examinations by academics. The two sides also agreed to set up a working party to look at the pay and conditions of lecturers.

£4.5m more for Aids

An extra £4.5 million for the World Health Organization's global Aids programme was announced last night by Mr William Waldegrave, Foreign Office Minister of State, in a Commons written reply. The Government has already given £12.3 million, and is donating another £6 million to national Aids programmes in 10 African countries. The World Health Organization's Aids programme, set up in February 1987, involves more than 160 countries.

Straw-burning ban

Mr John Gummer, the Minister of Agriculture, is expected to announce a ban today on straw-burning by farmers, but it will not come into effect for two years to give them time to make alternative arrangements (Michael Hornsby writes). Straw-burning has become increasingly contentious because of its contribution to air pollution as well as the nuisance to nearby residents and danger to traffic. However farmers say the ban will increase costs.

Soviet MiGs for sale

Companies from Britain, the United States, West Germany and Denmark are negotiating with the Soviet Union to buy MiG-29 Fulcrum fighters, *Jane's Defence Weekly* reported yesterday. It said the companies hoped to form a joint venture group to sell up to 150 MiG-29s at about £13 million each and other aircraft to western air forces. The Soviet Ministry of Aviation had said the full range of MiG fighters, as well as the Sukhoi Su-25 Frogfoot, were available.

Lawyers fight for the suspect's right to silence

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Home Office will come under renewed pressure not to curb the suspect's right to silence in England and Wales after the Lord Chancellor's Department reported yesterday that only one in four suspects seeks legal advice before being charged.

Home Office officials reviewing the codes of practice governing police questioning of suspects in custody will also face pressure to ensure that any changes do not diminish suspects' safeguards.

The report, the result of two years' research by Birmingham University, shows that although suspects in police custody have a statutory right to legal advice, most do not exercise it, often because of discouragement to do so by police.

In all, while 25 per cent of suspects held asked for legal advice, only 20 per cent actually received it, whether by telephone or in person.

The Law Society urged the Home Office to defer decisions on curbing the right to silence. It should also defer plans to alter the codes of practice on police questioning under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, the society said.

Mr Henry Hodge, chairman of the society's courts and legal services committee, and a duty solicitor himself, said: "No-one can doubt the importance of access to legal advice for those in the police station in the wake of the revelations about the Guildford and Woolwich bombings, the activities of the West Midlands Serious Crime Squad and 'Operation Own Goal', involving infiltrating football gangs."

The report, based on 15 days spent by researchers visiting 10 police stations, cites evidence of some 22 police "ploys" to discourage requests by suspects for legal advice. The most common ploy was — as one police officer put it — to "read them their rights as quickly as they can; hit them with it so quickly they can't take it in".

The report, the first research into the workings of the suspect's statutory right to legal advice, criticizes the working of the solicitor scheme for providing that advice. Solicitors come under attack for giving telephone advice rather than going to the police station.

Yesterday the Law Society welcomed the findings and said it would participate in a review now underway by the Legal Aid Board. The society said that solicitors on duty solicitor schemes, doing criminal legal aid work, were the "most hard-pressed in the profession".

Many solicitors were angry about the criticisms in the report and said that any lack of commitment to the scheme was caused by under-funding by the Government. Mr John Nixon, administrator of the Reading duty solicitor scheme, said they were always willing to go at night to the police station. "But the rules specifically require us to deal with the matter over the telephone if it can be dealt with in that way, to save public finds."

He added: "I am quite happy to take my sleeping bag and spend the whole night at the police station. I would then expect a claim for that duty of over £900, based on the attendance rate of £48 per hour."

Advice and Assistance at Police Stations and the 24-hour duty solicitor scheme (Lord Chancellor's Department, 30 Great Peter Street, London SW1: £5).

Health staff unite against NHS reform

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Doctors, nurses and midwives yesterday united for the first time in a bitter attack on the Government's National Health Service Bill, and complained that the Prime Minister had turned down a request for a meeting.

The medical royal colleges, the British Medical Association, the Joint Consultants Committee, the Royal College of Nursing and the Royal College of Midwives, at an "unprecedented" joint press conference, said the Bill had failed to reflect the concerns they had expressed to ministers.

The organizations also disclosed that a request for a joint meeting with Mrs Thatcher to discuss their fears had been turned down.

Sir Anthony Grabham, chairman of the Joint Consultants Committee, yesterday said: "The people who have been treating patients for the past forty years have been denied an opportunity to express their concerns to our Prime Minister. I think that is significant."

Mrs Thatcher replied to the organizations, in a letter dated November 15, that she recognized that the professions had doubts but the changes were needed "to develop a better NHS for everyone".

Any discussions should be pursued with Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health, she said.

Sir Anthony said that yesterday was the first time since the inception of the NHS that the professions had found it necessary to stand together "in a mixture of sadness, concern and even anger". The Bill had been laid before Parliament virtually unchanged. Any alterations in wording were window dressing, he said. "If the legislation goes through in this form without radical amendment, the future of the NHS is bleak."

The NHS had been built on concensus and collaboration between governments and health professionals. "That consensus and collaboration is in danger of breaking down if it has not already done so," Sir Anthony said.

Standards would fall and money and commerce would rule, he said. In future there would be a real possibility that NHS patients would get the cheapest care available.

The organizations called for pilot studies to be set up in one area to test the main reforms such as self-governing hospitals, an internal market and GP budget holders.

Miss Margaret Brain, president of the Royal College of Midwives, who chaired the meeting yesterday, said they would now lobby MPs in both houses of Parliament to ensure that necessary amendments were introduced.

Professor Dillwyn Williams, chairman of the Conference of Medical Royal Colleges and their Faculties said that an internal market would lead to a fragmented service with patients having to travel to several different hospitals for treatment.

Self-governing hospitals would result in a two tier service with opted out hospitals attracting high calibre and scarce staff while practice budgets for GPs would lead to treatments based on financial rather than clinical grounds.

Prisoners go on the run for charity



A prison officer watching inmates competing in the charity run inside Barlinnie yesterday.

A flag was used instead of a starting pistol and entrants were counted carefully at the finish but prisoners taking part in the first charity run at a Scottish prison took it in their stride yesterday.

Forty-nine prisoners joined 30 staff and Scottish show-business and sporting personalities in the 10,000-metre race of 14 laps around the five accommodation halls at Barlinnie prison, Glasgow..

The event raised more than £10,000 for needy Scottish children at Christmas.

The runners included women staff at Barlinnie and other Scottish prisons, as well as Mrs Susan Baird, Lord Provost of Glasgow.

The run was the idea of an inmate serving life for murder. He said: "We are doing this for the kids and for ourselves, but mostly for the kids.".

Mr Alan Walker, the governor, said: "There were repeated requests for a marathon to be run outside the prison but I had to turn that down.

"Prisons are not nice places but they are not bad all the time and they are not hostile all the time. There are a number of occasions where staff and inmates work together, and this is a good example."

Social charter

Fowler dashes hope of EC accord

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Mr Norman Fowler last night appeared to have dashed all hopes of Britain reaching an eleventh hour agreement with its European Community partners over the social charter.

The Secretary of State for Employment told MPs that the revised document on workers' rights to be tabled at next week's Strasbourg summit of EC leaders was not acceptable.

"The social charter, at least in its present form, is a recipe for job stagnation, not job growth," he declared as he insisted that existing charter failed the "acid test" of promoting employment throughout the Community.

Mr Fowler's tough line set the stage for a fierce clash between Mrs Margaret Thatcher and her EC counterparts when heads of government gather under the French presidency at the summit.

It was backed up by an uncompromising message from government sources, who said that Britain did not regard the latest version of the charter as acceptable.

If, as now seems certain, Britain is outvoted at Strasbourg and the charter, which is said to have no legal authority, is adopted, the way will be open for the Commission to bring forward the legally-binding directives implementing it. Depending on the article under which these are tabled, all or some could be subject to majority voting and continued British defiance could result in the Commission taking action in the European Court.



Mr Fowler: "Charter is a recipe for job stagnation".

Labour condemned the Government's stance, saying the rest of the EC was "aghast" at its refusal to endorse measures safeguarding the elderly and guaranteeing rights to vocational training, freedom of association and decent and fair pay.

Mr Tony Blair, Opposition employment spokesman, said the charter would represent an important first step towards greater rights for workers, and was an indispensable part of securing the assent of the people of the Community to the single market.

Mr Fowler's statement that a different social charter would be acceptable was "humbug" given the Prime Minister's past denunciation of it as "Marxist", he added. Britain's determination to reject the European Commission's revised proposals, drawn up in reponse to Britain's previously expressed strong criticisms of the original document, will be underlined today by Mr Fowler at an EC social affairs council in Brussels.

Tomorrow, the Prime Minister will convey the same uncompromising message to M Jacques Delors, the EC president, at a meeting at 10 Downing Street.

Although Mr Fowler told MPs that Britain did not oppose the social charter "in principle", he made abundantly clear that Brussels' concessions fell far short of what Britain required.

"We have no wish to impose our traditions on other member states." Mr Fowler told the Commons. "But we see no reason why their traditions should be imposed on this country."

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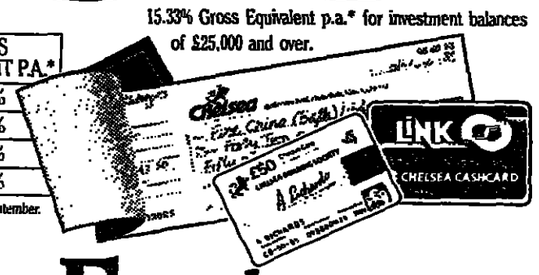
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Reporters asked if they are above law

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

Journalists will put their profession "in the dock" and spark a serious conflict with Parliament if they refuse to obey court orders requiring them to reveal sources, the Master of the Rolls, Lord Donaldson, said yesterday.

Challenging journalists to come clean on whether they regarded themselves as "above the law" on refusing to disclose sources, he said: "Parliamentary democracy cannot work if a group of people set themselves up above the law.

"I would like to know whether it is the stance of the profession that they are above the law over the question of disclosing sources. We are entitled to know. I think the public is entitled to know, particularly in a week when we have been presented with a new declaration of policy by editors."

The comment came during an unsuccessful attempt by Mr William Goodwin, a journalist, to challenge a High Court judge's order to hand over notes which could identify the person who leaked a company's financial details to him. The order against Mr Goodwin, aged 23, a trainee reporter for *The Engineer* magazine, was made last Wednesday by Mr Justice Hoffmann. Mr Goodwin refused to comply and put himself in contempt of court.

Yesterday Lord Donaldson and Lords Justices Ralph Gibson and McCowan refused to hear Mr Goodwin's appeal — the court has a discretion to refuse when someone is in contempt — but went on to hear an appeal by the publishers of *The Engineer*, Morgan-Grampian, against a similar order requiring them to hand over his notes.

The court decided that if, in the light of this appeal, it thought it in the public interest to set aside Mr Justice Hoffmann's order against Mr Goodwin, it would do so. The company involved in the case, whose identity is being kept secret, has applied to have Mr Goodwin jailed for contempt.

Legal action was brought by the company after Mr Goodwin rang to check information he had received from a source about its plans to raise new capital. The company alleges that this information came from a stolen document. It wants to take legal action against the person who stole it and says Mr Goodwin's notes will help identify him.

Mr Geoffrey Robertson, QC, for Mr Goodwin, who is backed by the National Union of Journalists, said that the reporter was not "a man hiding behind the coat-tails" of his union. "He is taking it on himself and his own conscience." The Morgan-Grampian appeal continues today.

Zionist error by youth paper

By Alex Sutherland

A full-length apology for an allegedly anti-Zionist article will appear in today's edition of *The Indy*, the troubled weekly newspaper for teenagers which was launched by *The Independent* newspaper in September.

The correction follows the intervention of Lord Sieff, former chairman of Marks & Spencer, and chairman of *The Independent*. Lord Sieff, a vociferous supporter of the Zionist cause, reprimanded Mr Simon Carr, editor of *The Indy*, for describing Zionists as "fanatical right-wing Jews" in an article about the Middle East which appeared last week.

Today's apology, which will run in the centre pages of the paper at the same length as the original, explains that Zionists are not necessarily "right-wing" or "always Jews". It goes on to give a sympathetic account of how the Israeli people suffered during the Arab-Israeli war of 1948.

Last night Mr Carr denied that Lord Sieff had forced the paper to run the apology, or that he had exercised undue editorial interference.

He said: "Lord Sieff has no editorial control over the paper. What happened was that we got the facts wrong, and we are printing a correction. The fact that he is the chairman of *The Independent* did not influence my decision. It was a matter of courtesy to run a correction."

Mr Carr did admit, however, that Lord Sieff was upset with the article. "He gave me a very moving personal eye-witness account of the setting up of the state of Israel," he said.

The Indy, run by Young Newspaper Publishing Ltd, which is 76 per cent owned by Newspaper Publishing, the company behind *The Independent*, and 24 per cent by *Indy* staff, is struggling to carve a niche for itself in the young person's newspaper market.

Circulation for the fifth week, the latest figure available, is 25,000, just half of its target of 50,000. Its competitor, *Early Times*, launched in February last year by independent publishers Garth Publications, claims to be selling 50,000. This week's edition of *Marketing*, the trade magazine, reports that *The Indy* could close because of its disappointing sales.

CORRECTIONS

At the Hinkley Point C public inquiry (report, November 22) the Central Electricity Generating Board counsel, Lord Silsoe QC, said that a delayed start to the project would affect capital costs; he did not say, as reported by the Press Association, that the cost of building a new nuclear power station at Hinkley Point would exceed £1.5bn.

Contrary to our report yesterday, "Trois Danseuses en Rose" by Degas sold at Sotheby's on Tuesday night for £2.31 million.

Buying The Times overseas
Austria Sch 32; Belgium B Frs 55; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 200; Cyprus 90 cents; Denmark Dkr 16.00; Finland Mk 10.00; France F 10.00; W Germany DM 3.50; Gibraltar 80p; Greece Dr 220; Holland Gl 3.50; Irish Republic 80p; Italy L 3,000; Luxembourg Lf 55; Madeira Esc 220; Malta 40c; Morocco Dir 16.00; Norway Kr 14.00; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 220; Spain Pes 220; Sweden Skr 14.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.50; Tunisia Din 1.20; USA $2.00.

Sunday trading

B&Q chain admits trying to influence telephone ballot

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The B&Q store chain, which has been at the forefront of the campaign for Sunday trading, last night admitted that it had actively sought to influence an opinion poll to try to ensure that the vote went its way.

The admission led Mr David Blackmore, director of the Keep Sunday Special (KSS) campaign, to accuse the group of reaching "a new low in political depravity and perversion" and to demand the resignation of senior management.

The allegations of "ballot rigging" against the DIY chain, are carried in the latest issue of the *Independent Grocer* magazine.

They follow a ruling last week in the European Court of Justice which will ensure that the Attorney-General faces increasing pressure to bring a test case to clarify the legality of Sunday trading.

The magazine's allegation that the store mounted a campaign to influence the poll, conducted by Oracle, the independent television information service, in September, was confirmed last night by Mr Bill Whiting, B&Q's marketing director. He said that managers at more than 250 of the the group's stores had been asked to ensure that 10 separate phone calls were made to register a vote in favour of Sunday trading.

Mr Whiting said: "I don't understand what the problem is. We are a campaigning organization and the great majority of our staff is in favour of Sunday opening.

"The message was sent out electronically asking for people to volunteer and I am sure there would have been a good response. I have a memo from the KSS people virtually asking for the same thing to be done."

> **The majority of our staff favour Sunday trading**

Mr Jim Muttram, editor of the *Independent Grocer*, said the poll had attracted 10,000 telephone votes.

He said: "The Shopping Hours Reform Council, of which B&Q is a founder member, made much play of the fact that 74 per cent of the votes cast in the Oracle poll were in favour of Sunday trading. But if all the managers in B&Q's stores complied with the company instructions, more than 2,500 votes would have been made to Oracle."

Mr Bill Connor, deputy general secretary of USDAW, the shop workers' union, said: "This gives DIY an entirely new meaning.

"But it is entirely in keeping with the practices of a company which persistently breaks the law."

The union is hoping to force prosecutions against business which it believes have flouted the Sunday trading laws and thousands of its members are taking part in "Operation Shopwatch" which involves reporting stores and shops to local authorities.

The memorandum from B&Q, carried the names of Mr Peter Monaghan and Mr David Ramsden, the retail services controller.

It was sent out on Saturday, September 2, and instructed managers to ensure that the calls were made by 5.30pm that day.

It said: "Will all stores please make 10 seperate telephone calls to the following number to register a vote in favour of Sunday trading."

Sky viewer beats TV licence prosecution



Mr Barry Neal, who defeated a prosecution for not having a television licence, with his satellite receiving dish in the garden of his Rugby home yesterday.

By Craig Seton

A television viewer who proved he watched only Sky satellite broadcasts did not need a television licence, a court ruled yesterday in the first case of its kind.

Magistrates at Rugby, Warwickshire, dismissed a prosecution brought by the National Television Licence Records Office against Mr Barry Neal, aged 45, who was accused of unlawfully using his television set without a licence on June 18.

The case was thrown out after Mr Neal told magistrates he watched only Sky television and had disconnected and removed the cable from his set to an outdoor aerial because he no longer wanted to receive BBC and independent broadcasts. As a result, he had not renewed his television licence when it expired last December. Mr Neal said later "I argued that I should not have to pay for something I did not receive and the magistrates agreed."

The television licensing authorities alleged that Mr Neal's colour television set was capable of receiving BBC and independent broadcasts and therefore still needed a licence.

After the case, the Home Office, which is responsible for broadcasting legislation, confirmed that viewers who received only Sky television did not need a licence as long they could satisfy licensing authorities that they did not watch the BBC and ITV.

If they could not, a prosecution would follow. A spokesman said viewers of British Satellite Broadcasting (BSB), which begins services next year, would still need a licence.

The spokesman said: "That is because Sky uses telecommunications frequencies while BSB will use authorized broadcasting frequencies let by the Independent Broadcasting Authority. A person only needs a licence for authorized broadcast services."

He said that the majority of viewers who received Sky satellite television through cable rather than directly by satellite would still need a licence because the cable system provided BBC and independent broadcasts.

Mr Neal, a former council worker, said: "I could not take the socket out or take the aerial down because this house belongs to the council. I did not want to watch BBC or independent television because the programmes are either repeats or boring."

Mr Neal, who was prosecuted under the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949, said: "I thought this was not just a victory for me, but for hundreds of thousands of Sky viewers."

The Post Office said: "It is possible for a person to have their television set technically adjusted to only receive Sky television, but it is extremely expensive to do and requires a great deal of technical expertise." The maximum fine for a conviction of using a television without a licence is £400.

● MPTV, the satellite channel televising Parliament, is to start broadcasting morning sessions of Commons select committees as well as afternoon sessions in the House from next week.

Cossacks case jury warned on 'Mickey Mouse money'

By Robin Young

The judge in Lord Aldington's libel action yesterday warned the jury that if it awarded damages it must not deal "in Mickey Mouse money" by "bumping the damages up" but keep its feet on the ground.

, Mr Justice Michael Davies said: "Do not add noughts to the figure just because it sounds good."

The judge directed the jury to pay no attention to whatever it knew of other libel awards. "There is no league table in libel, no first division, no second division and no Vauxhall Conference, for those of you who are interested in football", he said.

The judge said that it was agreed that the allegations in the case were "a very serious libel indeed – in effect being party to mass murder".

Lord Aldington, a former deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, of Knoll Farm, Aldington, Ashford, Kent, is claiming damages from the historian and author, Count Nikolai Tolstoy, and Mr Nigel Watts, his co-defendant, over allegations that he was responsible for the forced return to the Communists of 70,000 Cossacks and Yugoslavs at the end of the Second World War. Most were tortured and massacred.

The defendants published a polemical pamphlet, *War Crimes and the Wardenship of Winchester College*, in which Lord Aldington was accused of having "issued every order and arranged every detail of the lying and brutality" which resulted in the massacres, and of activities which "bore comparison with the worst butchers of Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia".

Dealing with that passage in the pamphlet in his review of the case, the judge asked: "Could any fair person say that? If not then you may think that it throws a flood of light on the defence of fair comment."

The judge said that the defendants in the case had not withdrawn .a word of their allegations, but had persisted in their plea of justification for weeks and weeks in the court.

If the jury did think damages appropriate that could aggravate the amount, which should be a sum to compensate Lord Aldington in financial terms for the wrong that had been done to him. If the facts in the pamphlet were untrue and not fair comment Lord Aldington was entitled to be compensated for the injury to his feelings.

"It was not very pleasant, to use an understatement, to have those allegations made."

Earlier the judge had referred to the outburst with which Mr Watts had walked out of court on Tuesday. He told the jury: "I have to warn you as to the notice, if any, you should take of it. That it was rude there is, and can be, no doubt, and if Mr Watts or his supporters thought that they would influence a jury I hope you will agree with me they are utterly wrong."

The judge said that Mr Watts' interruption in his summing-up had been "misconceived" in so far as it was made because of some error of fact because it had already been arranged with counsel and Mr Watts, who was conducting his own defence, that they would have an opportunity to point out any errors before the jury retired.

If Mr Watts had had the patience to remain in court he would have heard his case, in so far as it was relevant, rehearsed "in some considerable detail", the judge said. Whether the summing-up was impartial and fair was for the jury to decide at its end, and not two thirds of the way through.

The judge added: "I must advise you not to hold that outburst, if you disapprove of it, against him. He plainly has very strong feelings."

The jury will retire to consider its verdict today.

Drink-ban vicar blames parishioner

A Church of England vicar was banned from driving yesterday after claiming that one of his parishioners had told the police that he had been drinking.

Mr Seymour McCarraher was found to be nearly twice the legal limit when he was stopped in his car by the police a few hundred yards from a club where he had been drinking while he was delivering his church's monthly magazine.

Mr Douglas Kemp, for Mr McCarraher, told magistrates at Barnsley, South Yorkshire, that the arrest of the vicar was a "rather unpleasant and disturbing matter". During the evening, he had consumed a pint of lager, two half pints of lager and a double whisky at public houses and clubs at Darton, near Barnsley.

When he got into his car to drive off, he noticed in his driving mirror another vehicle pulling out from behind him. Mr Kemp said: "Events show it was not a coincidence. He was eventually stopped by two officers who agreed there was nothing wrong with his car or his driving.

"And on the way to the police station, one of the officers said to him: "'Do you get on well with your parishioners?' He tells me there is no doubt in his mind that someone advised the police he was driving away from Darton Liberal Club after drinking there."

Mr McCarraher, aged 63, vicar of All Saints Church, Darton, was banned for 12 months, fined £250 and ordered to pay £15 costs after admitting driving with excess alcohol.

● A confidential telephone line on which the public will be urged to report drink drivers will be opened tomorrow by Dorset police in a move which will be observed closely by other forces.

Drunk on jet

A computer operator was so drunk on a flight from Jedda to Heathrow yesterday that he had to be bound to restrain him. Later, John Holden, from Massachusetts, was fined £58 by Uxbridge magistrates.

PORTFOLIO PLATINUM

The latest winner of the £4,000 Portfolio Platinum prize is Mr John Howarth of Bromley in Kent.

Bros duo settles libel case

Bros, the singing duo, yesterday accepted undisclosed six-figure libel damages in the High Court over a Sunday newspaper report which they claimed suggested they took heroin.

Luke and Matt Goss settled their action against *The People* on the third day of a hearing before Mr Justice Popplewell and a jury in London.

The brothers, who are proud of their "squeaky clean" image in the eyes of their young fans, sat at the front of the courtroom as their counsel, Mr Richard Hartley QC, announced the terms of the agreement.

He said they were to be paid "substantial" damages. A prominently placed apology would be printed.

The non-smoking pair, who coined the phrase "natural energy" and rarely drink, claimed the newspaper took away their clean-living, healthy reputation "at a stroke". They planned to give part of the damages to a charity for teenagers.

The newspaper denied the articles were defamatory and said it never intended to suggest the brothers took heroin or approved of its use.

Rise in banking complaints

By Vivien Goldsmith, Family Money Editor

Complaints to the Banking Ombudsman have risen by 30 per cent to 2,706 in the year to the end of September.

Mr Laurence Shurman, the Banking Ombudsman, said this was because of the increasing awareness of the service and the growing number of people with one or more bank accounts, rather than a deterioration in the service banks provide.

The largest single category of complaints concerned through-the-wall cash machines which drew 357 complaints.

However, this was a small number compared to the 700 million automated teller machine (ATM) transactions every year, Mr Shurman said.

Most "phantom withdrawals", where the customer denies ever having taken money out through an ATM although the bank's records show the withdrawal having taken place, are due to the customer forgetting about a transaction or the card having been "borrowed" or stolen.

The Ombudsman's report says: "Usually, 'borrowing' is by a relative, friend or work mate. The fact that the disputed withdrawal almost always takes place within a few miles of the victim's home or place of work is often an indication of a 'borrowed' card. It also makes implausible the idea of random computer error."

Mr Shurman says that cash machines could be made more secure by using biometric identification, for example a thumb print on a senstive pad on the machine, as well as a card and personal identification number.

Using a more secure system such as this would be very expensive. "The question remains of whether it is really worthwhile to prevent the relatively small number of disputed withdrawals which do take place."

Just 87 complaints reached the stage of a formal recommendation. There were no orders for banks to make awards. Mr Shurman has the power to order banks to make awards of up to £100,000, but when conciliation takes place banks usually prefer to make voluntary payments to aggrieved customers.

MPs condemn plan to dig up square

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

MPs have reacted with fury to a government-backed plan to dig up Parliament Square to enlarge Westminster Underground station.

Proposals from London Regional Transport to link the station with the new Jubilee Line extension to the Docklands have presented MPs with the ultimate "not-in-my-backyard" dilemma.

A meeting of senior MPs has just been shown LRT's plans massively to enlarge the station by building a new interchange between the £1 billion Jubilee Line extension and the existing District and Circle Line.

It will mean a new platform, ticket hall and tunnels and a new exit next to the statue of Winston Churchill which looks across at the Houses of Parliament.

The statue is likely to be moved for up to five years as the square is turned into a building site. The planners claim that the traffic will be kept moving during the work by elevating the roads round the square. However, apart from the traffic chaos MPs believe the scheme will cause at one of London's biggest bottlenecks, it will delay for several years the new parliamentary building near Big Ben to provide MPs with much-needed extra office space.

Plans for the new line, the biggest addition to the Underground network for 25 years, are contained in the London Underground Bill which will be debated early next year.

LRT's architects and planners have just presented their proposals to a joint meeting of the Commons accommodation and administration and new buildings subcommittees. One committee member, Mr Patrick Cormack, Conservative MP for South Staffordshire, said afterwards: "It is utterly monstrous. The thought of creating the biggest building site in the kingdom in Parliament Square and creating one of the largest Underground stations in the world within a few yards of the entrance to Parliament beggars belief.

"If they had wanted to come up with a plan that would cause total disruption and present a massive potential new security risk they could not have done better than these crack-brained ideas."

Mr Stanley Orme, Labour MP for Salford East, said: "It is horrendous. I cannot see how they will get a parliamentary majority for it."

Mr David Lightbown, a government whip, added: "I want to see the traffic infrastructure improved but not like this. There has been a complete failure to consult. I was pretty horrified when I saw what they had in mind."

The committees have demanded a meeting with Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Transport, to protest. The Government, however, which is contributing more than £400 million to the scheme, badly wants the new line to improve access to Docklands, an area in which it has invested much political capital.

Effective from 1st December 1989

British Gas Completes December Contract Price Schedule

British Gas plc Contract Gas Pricing Schedules Firm and Interruptible Gas Addendum to Schedule FI 2

General Note 3(c) of the Schedule of Prices and Terms for the Supply of Gas to Firm and Interruptible Contract Customers FI 2, effective from 1st December 1989, refers to the introduction of an umbrella contract for the further aggregation of firm and interruptible gas supply contracts for gas consumed at premises owned or occupied by the customer or its Subsidiary and/or Affiliated companies. The following constitutes an addendum to the said Schedule FI 2 to enable the provision to be implemented, under an agreement entitled an 'Umbrella Agreement'.

Umbrella Agreement

An Umbrella Agreement is available from 1st December 1989 onwards, and is applicable to two or more contracts of any type contracted under the terms of Schedules CSPI and FI 2. This Umbrella Agreement will determine the percentage reductions to be applied for gas consumed at all of the premises under the Agreement taking into account the annual payments made for gas consumed and the annual consumptions of gas for all the premises under the Umbrella Agreement. Payments for and consumptions of gas for premises which do not reach the firm contract gas threshold of 25,001 therms per annum or the interruptible contract gas threshold of 200,001 therms per annum at the normal contract reconciliation date will not be included in the calculation. A single calculation and payment will be made after each anniversary date of the Umbrella Agreement or on its termination.

The percentage reduction for each tranche of gas consumed within each twelve month period of the Umbrella Agreement is shown in Table 6.

Table 6 Percentage reduction to be applied for incremental tranches of gas to the annual payments made for gas consumed at premises covered by an Umbrella Agreement

Load Band	1	2	3	4	5	6
Therms p.a.	Less Than 50002	50002 To 100000	100001 To 150000	150001 To 250000	250001 To 500000	500001 To 1000000
Percentage Reduction	0	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.3	0.4

Load Band	7	8	9	10	11	12
Therms p.a.	10000001 To 2000000	2000001 To 5000000	5000001 To 10000000	10000001 To 25000000	25000001 To 50000000	Greater Than 50000000
Percentage Reduction	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0

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Scientists criticize £800m basic research overhaul as 'folly'

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

A plan to reorganize the management of fundamental research in Britain along more commercial lines was described yesterday as a "folly" that would jeopardize vital work in environment.

The criticism came from the Natural Environment Research Council, under the chairmanship of Professor John Knill. The council spends more than £100 million a year to support important studies in Britain into the greenhouse effect; the scientists who discovered the hole in the ozone layer; work into marine and freshwater science; studies in terrestrial ecology needed for wildlife conservation programmes and British research in geology and earth sciences. The council was responding to discussions which began yesterday among government advisers into potentially the biggest overhaul in the management of basic science in Britain in 23 years.

The Government's Advisory Board for the Research Council is considering proposals to reduce the number of research councils from the present five, which spend £800 million a year on academic research in universities and in their own research institutes. One recommendation was to merge the five councils into a single National Research Council for greater efficiency.

The case for changing the existing arrangements has been under review since a report last year, from the House of Lords select committee on science and technology, advocated a merger between two of the research councils: the Agricultural and Food Research Council (AFRC) and the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC).

The options under consideration now come from a private study conducted by Mr Richard Morris, a member of the advisory board and the chairman of Brown & Root, an engineering company, as a discussion document on possible reorganization for the advisory board. The Morris report came out in favour of a merger of all research councils rather than the halfway measure that is likely to be chosen.

A full-blooded merger would create a single council with six divisions. They would be divisions in medical sciences, formed from the Medical Research Council; biology and environmental sciences, formed from the Agricultural and Food Research Council, and the bio-technology directorate of the Science and Engineering Research Council; physical sciences, formed from the physical and earth sciences of the Natural Environment Research Council, and the physical sciences of SERC; engineering and technology, formed from research supported by the engineering board of the SERC; astronomy and nuclear sciences, formed from work supported by SERC; and economic and social sciences, formed from the present Economic and Social Research Council.

"Splitting NERC and moving its responsibilities for terrestrial ecology to AFRC would be folly and bad for environmental science," the environment council said yesterday. It suggested that the transfer to NERC of those parts of AFRC which have developed particular interests in environmental and land use issues would strengthen the British science base. Knowledge of the interactions between the atmosphere, the oceans, the land surface and the solid earth is crucial to understanding and predicting change in the environment, NERC scientists said.

Primary responsibility for the whole spectrum of such research rests with NERC and is enshrined in its charter. The environment council said: "There is no sound scientific basis for arbitrarily separating off responsibility for processes at the land surface.

"Indeed it would be a divisive and retrograde step for the UK at a time when an integrated interdisciplinary approach to environmental problems is recognized as increasingly important worldwide.

"Interdisciplinary interaction – essential for attacking complex problems such as those concerned with the environment – is much more easily managed within councils than across councils.

"Over the last five years NERC has very successfully demonstrated its strengths nationally and internationally, bringing together scientists from different disciplines in areas such as land use, environmental radioactivity, and air pollution effects research.

"Its ability to mount co-ordinated programmes in areas of increasing significance such as water quality is unique and spans land-use and processes in freshwater estuarine and marine environments," the scientists said.

Farmers protest to MPs

EC eggs 'get cursory tests' as British birds are killed

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

Britain is importing more eggs from other European Community countries while domestic producers are being forced out of business by stringent anti-salmonella measures which do not apply abroad, it was claimed yesterday.

Egg producers complained to the House of Commons agriculture committee that imported eggs were only cursorily tested for infection at the port of entry whereas British laying flocks were slaughtered in their entirety if any bird was found to carry salmonella.

The committee meeting was called to review the latest position on salmonella in eggs almost a year after Mrs Edwina Currie, the former junior health minister, caused a political furore and sent egg sales plummeting by claiming that "most egg production" was contaminated. Egg sales are still 10 per cent down.

Mr John Coles, chairman of the British Egg Industry Council, which speaks for the biggest producers, said he accepted the need for stringent controls but it was essential that they should be adopted throughout the EC. "We are not competing on a level playing field at present".

Mr Andrew Oatley, chairman of the rival United Kingdom Egg Producers' Association, said that the smaller egg farmers who he represented were going out of business at a rate of one or two a week. The association had lost 50 of the 650 members it had at the start of the year.

In its submission to the committee, the National Farmers' Union expressed "concern that the same level of protection of the consumer is not provided in the case of imported eggs", noting that port health officials tested a sample of only 60 in every consignment of 360,000.

> **Farmers being forced out of business every week**

"The chance of locating an infected egg is remote, unless the load is substantially infected. Containers cannot readily be held up at the docks for several days while tests are completed so that, by the time a positive test is confirmed, the eggs have been distributed and are in the hands of the consumer", it said.

Mr Mike Ring, head of the Ministry of Agriculture's pigs, eggs and poultry division, said the Government was seeking EC-wide application of British salmonella controls, but that would take time. The problem should not be exaggerated as imports only accounted for 2 to 3 per cent of British egg consumption.

The United Kingdom Egg Producers' Association disputed the figure. "That used to be the picture, but imports have been rising as domestic production has fallen. We estimate that 8 to 10 per cent of eggs now on sale in Britain are imported", Mr Oately said.

Mr Keith Meldrum, the Government's chief veterinary officer, told the committee that the fight against salmonella in poultry would be "a long battle of attrition" and that the organism could never be entirely eradicated. The Government's policy was one of "reduction and control".

He acknowledged that on average 90 per cent of the birds in slaughtered flocks were probably free of salmonella. But it was not practicable to test every bird in a flock so any finding of salmonella required that the whole flock had to be destroyed. The Government was considering whether higher compensation could be paid.

The Department of Health said that there were 21,843 cases of salmonella food poisoning in the first nine months of this year, a 13 per cent increase over the same period of 1988.

The committee was told that up to November 24 about 980,000 birds had been destroyed as a result of positive salmonella tests. That represents about 3 per cent of all laying birds in Britain.

● More than 450 cattle have had to be slaughtered after an outbreak of brucellosis, the first occurence of the disease since it was believed to have been eradicated in Scotland seven years ago (Kerry Gill writes).

The Department of Agriculture is compiling a report on the outbreak on two Lanarkshire farms. One theory is that the virus was brought into the country when three Charolais bulls were imported by the farmer from France.

Survey of directors' salaries

£39,000 average after rise of 11%

By Tim Jones
Employment Affairs Correspondent

The pay of directors increased last year by 11.4 per cent, well ahead of most other groups of workers, in spite of government warnings of the effect of big rises on jobs and inflation.

The Institute of Directors was told yesterday that the salaries of directors of companies with a sales turnover of more than £500 million had risen to £220,000.

A survey of 6,888 directors by the institute and the Reward Group shows that the average director's salary is £39,000.

"However much the media make of some spectacular increases to high profile directors in 1989, most members of the institute and their colleagues have received pay increases in line with their managers and, for that matter, the recently agreed increase for MPs."

For directors with a mortgage of between £77,000 and £129,000, their personal retail price index will have risen significantly above the national figures. The living standards of such directors, even after an 11 per cent increase in income, will have declined. The average pay of the 600 non-executive directors questioned, who work on average 21 days a year, is "only £7,500", a 7.1 per cent increase on last year. The highest rise was 21 per cent.

"Despite the Chancellor's attempts to tax the perk of company cars out of existence", allocations to middle management are increasing, the report says. However, the use of cars with under two-litre engines is being encouraged to reduce the tax burden.

Ford remains the favoured car for directors, but only because it has bought Jaguar. The Granada range, the favourite for the last two years, falls to equal second with BMW. Mercedes and Rover stay equal fourth.

Directors' holiday entitlement has crept up, with 42 per cent entitled to 25 days, compared to 38 per cent last year; but only 16 per cent make full use of it. Most appear to make do on 20 days.

Directors appear confident about the future. Those planning to increase staff heavily outnumber those planning a reduction, although the figures are slightly less optimistic than last year. The survey says that companies are becoming concerned at a coming decade when there will be fewer people entering the workforce. They are realizing that paying ever higher wages will not meet recruitment needs.

The battle for experienced junior staff is unrelenting, the survey says. It suggests initiatives such as signing-on fees for skilled or specialist staff, an increase in bounty payments to staff who introduce recruits, and a company car for graduates and qualified recruits.

● Workers steal an estimated £830 million from employers every year, according to a report by Saladin Security.

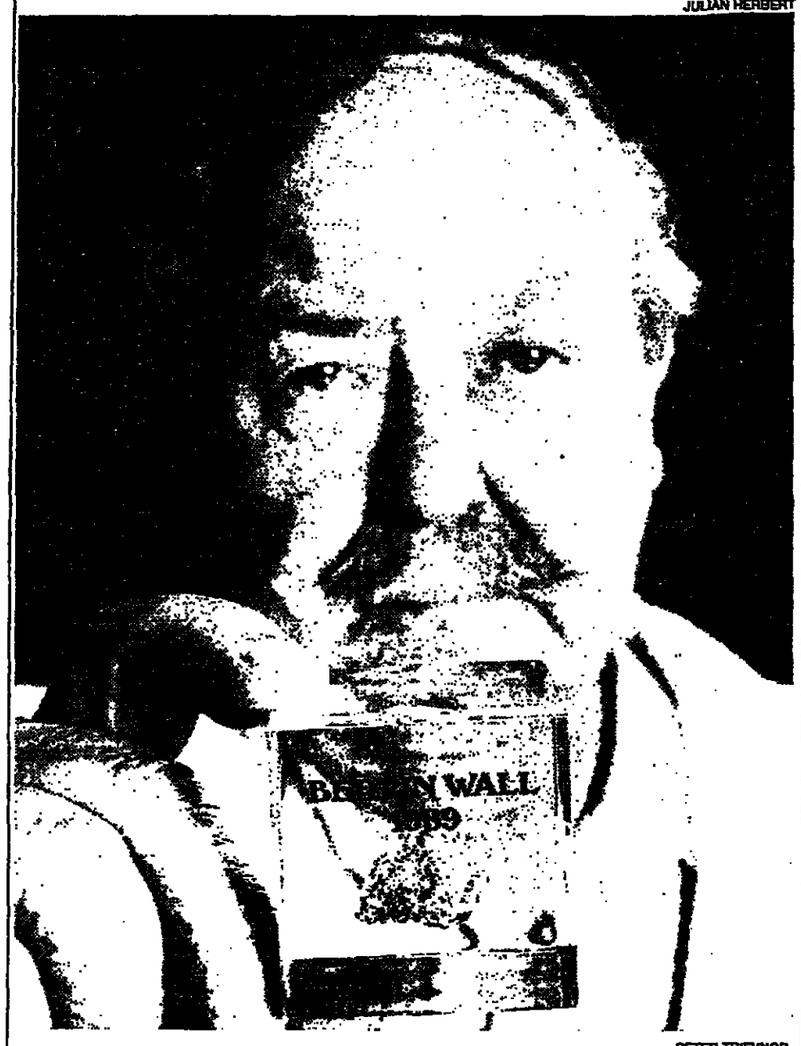
The average employee pockets about £1,500 during the course of his working life, but staff thefts were largely ignored, the report says.

Thefts take the form of expenses fiddles, personal telephone calls and stationery or, in extreme cases, stealing lorry-loads of stock.

Directors' Reward. (The Reward Group, Reward House, Diamond Way, Stone Business Park, Stone, Staffordshire: £200.)

A bit of Berlin for Christmas

JULIAN HERBERT



PETER TRIEVNOR



The trendiest gift for Christmas is, it seems, a genuine piece of the Berlin Wall, and at least two Britons were among entrepreneurs across Europe quick to realize the potential for capitalist advancement at the expense of declining communism (Paul Wilkinson writes).

Mr Douglas Read (above), of Stanley's, an acrylics firm, of Midhurst, West Sussex, shows off a £35 mail-order paperweight with a piece of Berlin set in resin that he has made for Simon Games of Twickenham, south-west London. It is one of a limited edition of 3,500 which also come in a £15 gift box.

Mr John Kenned (right) has imported 5 cwt of the Wall from near the Brandenburg Gate removed by Simon Hick, managing director of Simon Games, with the help of two friends and a sledgehammer. "We kept diving into the bushes to avoid the police", Mr Hicks said.

Gatwick flights demand up 47%

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

The demand for flights from Gatwick next summer has risen by 47 per cent in spite of the economic downturn and a slump in holiday bookings.

A total of 59,000 applications for landing and take-off slots were initially rejected by the airport, frustrating airlines who had hoped to begin new flights and increase services.

The airport has managed to increase air movements by 19 per cent next summer by cramming in the maximum of 41 movements an hour during the day and using every available slot allowed at night.

Stansted is hoping to cash in on the overspill by wooing many of the airlines who had been hoping to use Gatwick.

The big increase stunned airline scheduling committee members meeting in Singapore who expected that many slots would be released by charter airlines hit by the fall in demand for holiday flights.

Instead they were more than compensated for by a big rise in scheduled services – which account for just over half the flights at Gatwick – as airlines in Europe, the United States and Canada boost their networks for the expected liberalization of air services.

Charter airlines have been reluctant to give up their slots which they are entitled to hold on to with what is known as "grandfather rights".

However, it is expected many will be released when the actual number of holiday bookings is confirmed in the spring. Even if more slots become available, they are unlikely to be attractive to trans-Atlantic carriers who like to arrive in the early morning.

The Gatwick scheduling committee has given scheduled airlines an alternative: waiting for slots to become available or transferring to Stansted, where arrival and departure times are virtually guaranteed.

Gatwick handled 125,000 air movements between last April and October. The airport can operate at a maximum of 24 arrivals and 17 departures an hour.

There were 184,000 initial applications for runway slots next summer. By allowing the maximum number of air movements, the the scheduling committee has approved 150,000 movements, including 4,500 at night.

Life for 3 in drugs killing

By Kerry Gill

Three men convicted of murdering a drugs courier whose body has not been found were jailed for life yesterday.

After Scotland's longest murder trial, Lord Allanbridge, in the High Court in Glasgow, recommended that John Paul McFadyen should serve a minimum of 20 years, and Ricardo Blanco should not be released for at least 15 years.

McFadyen, aged 24, Blanco, aged 26, and Thomas Collins, aged 25, were found guilty on Tuesday of shooting the courier. Paul Thorne, aged 26, repeatedly in the head with a sawn-off shotgun and burying him on Fenwick Moor, south of Glasgow, last October.

Collins, of Dennistoun, Glasgow, was given a life sentence with no recommendation, and John Ross McFadyen, aged 53, John Paul's father, was jailed for six years and fined £10,000 for drugs offences.

John Paul McFadyen, of Buchanan Road, Rugby, was also jailed for 47 years for nine drug-related offences. The highest sentence on an individual charge was 10 years, however, and each sentence will run concurrently.

Blanco, a former member of the French Foreign Legion who had since lived in Bristol, had been jailed for a number of offences, including grievous bodily harm and assault.

Prices rise for more modest Picassos

SALEROOM
by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

After disappointing prices for top Picassos at auction earlier this month, some of his more modestly valued works were sold for unexpectedly high sums yesterday.

A 1933 watercolour of a Minotaur carrying off a plump damsel sold for £627,000, ten times its estimate at Sotheby's.

Christie's achieved a record for any lot of prints sold at auction when his "La Suite des Saltimbanques", a deluxe edition of etchings including his famous "Le Repas Frugal", from 1905, sold anonymously for £605,000. The estimate had been £350,000 to £450,000.

Mr Yasumichi Morishita, the Japanese tycoon, continued his spending spree at Sotheby's yesterday, buying 27 lots. His highest price was £352,000 (estimate £200,000 to £250,000) for a bold, crude interior by Picasso.

Japanese favourites sold well. A painting of the Hotel de Sens in Paris equalled the record established for Utrillo at £550,000 (upper estimate £300,000), while Tsuguharu Foujita's "Deux Jeunes Filles aux Roses" came next at £440,000. The auction totalled £15.3 million, with 17 per cent unsold.

A striped blanket once owned by a Navaho chief was sold for $522,500 (£334,657) at Sotheby's New York, a record for a North American Indian artefact. The blanket was a rare surviving example of the principal garment of a tribal chief and went for five times its estimate.

The sale, which totalled £1.5 million, with only 4 per cent unsold, was a record for American Indian artefacts.

Photographs of Beatrix Potter holding living examples of the rabbits and mice she immortalized in her children's books, fetched £20,350 (five times estimate) at Sotheby's children's book sale in London, selling to Schiller, the New York dealer.

Comprising 1,200 images taken by her father, the consignment was originally Miss Potter's own collection. It was the only substantial group of photographs of the author known to exist.

The first Christmas card, criticized by the temperance movement when published in 1843 because it depicted a family drinking heavily, fetched a record for such a card at £6,600, also to Schiller. The estimate had been £1,250.

The sensation at Phillips was a shallow sixteenth century dish on which is depicted the episode in *The Aeneid* when Aeneas sets off in search of Italy.

It had been brought in for inspection by someone from north London together with another decorative plate.

One was worthless, the other was this mint condition dish from Urbino. It was bought by an Italian collector for £31,900.

Few British beaches clear of pollution risk, biologist says

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

A leading biologist said yesterday he would let his children swim at very few British beaches because of the dangers of contracting diseases from sewage discharges.

Dr John Fraser compared the state of most popular seasides with the water in his children's paddling pool – if it were filled with diluted, sieved sewage effluent.

His guide to acceptable beaches would be the few which topped the *Golden List of British Beaches*, produced by the Marine Conservation Society and the Coastal Anti-Pollution League, he said.

Giving evidence to the Commons environment select committee, he recommended new disinfection techniques, without using old-fashioned chlorine products, for treating sewage as the most effective way of bringing Britain's beaches up to EC standards rather than the Government's option of building long pipes out to sea.

Dr Fraser, environmental applications manager of Interox Chemicals Ltd, said that even where no sewage was visible in the water, there was a risk of catching poliomyelitis, hepatitis and meningitis. However, it was difficult to prove because the last survey of disease risks was carried out in 1959. Long sea outfall pipes posed a risk for swimmers and sailors. For instance, windsurfers off Torquay, Devon, regularly picked up diseases of the eyes, nose and throat, he said.

The company's written evidence cites examples of two boys suffering paralytic symptoms, similar to polio, after swimming off Southend, Essex, and cases of vomiting, diarrhoea and skin problems among windsurfers and fishermen in many areas.

● The Green Party plans to ask MPs who take the top placings in today's ballot for private member's Bills to promote legislation banning the use of chlorine bleach.

Police talent-spotting system will groom potential senior officers

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

A talent-spotting system is to be introduced within the police service to improve the quality of top management by identifying and grooming outstanding young officers for senior ranks, the Home Office announced yesterday.

The system, which will try to pick future chief constables within a few years of entry into the service, was outlined yesterday in the Home Office's response to a critical report on higher police training by the Commons select committee on home affairs.

The announcement of the scheme reflects worry that not enough officers with the potential to reach top police jobs are coming through the ranks. Last month, Mr Douglas Hurd, then Home Secretary, warned chief constables that not enough was being done to help and speed talented officers.

Under the scheme, all officers would be assessed at the end of their two-year probation using Home Office guidelines. Promising officers would be placed on a fast stream and trained with the help of courses at the Police Staff College at Bramshill, Hampshire.

Officers would be encouraged to volunteer for a special course at Bramshill which helps to propel promising officers through the ranks. Inspectors of constabulary will monitor the progress of the course graduates.

The Home Office welcomed many of the points made by the committee. However, ministers rejected suggestions that all officers of the rank of assistant chief constable and above should become a cadre attached to the Home Office and appointed either to forces or central services.

This would alter the division of responsibilty for the police between central and local government, it said.

The Home Office accepts that officers reaching the top ranks should have attended a senior command training course. The select committee found that 81 of 270 top officers had not gone on the course.

The Home Office response was published as the Audit Commission report on police training recommended the setting up of a national director of police training. Too many groups were involved in training, which led to confusion, the report on the management of police training said.

The police appreciated the importance of training, the commission said. However, it urged a greater response from the training schools to the demands of the forces.

Police officers received three times as much training as people in the manufacturing industry and twice as much as public sector employees. Eight per cent of resources went into training, which cost about £235 million a year, much of it in lost working time.

The commission said that in spite of the effort put into training there was room for improvement and savings such as the greater use of civilians, reviews of the length of courses and cutting out surplus capacity. A review of nine forces suggested that there was probably an excess of 20 per cent in their capacity.

Utilization rates of 75 per cent for residential accommodation and 30 per cent for classrooms were not uncommon when figures of 80 per cent and 60 per cent should be achievable.

Research showed classrooms and trainers in forces were not always used properly. Some training schools listed classrooms in weekly records as being utilized for that week even if they were used only for a day.

The training schools which close during part of the summer or at Christmas could be hired out for non-police conferences while some police training might be opened to trainees from overseas.

The use of training aids such videos could save money or time, the commission said. The Kent police had produced more than 70 programmes for showing at police stations.

Japanese carmakers to create thousands more British jobs

By Kevin Eason and Peter Davenport

Japanese car manufacturers yesterday paved the way for the creation of thousands of jobs in a big expansion of their production and research plants in the United Kingdom.

The investment plans will boost the hard-pressed regions of the Midlands and North-east which have won a large slice of the spending scheduled by the influx of major manufacturers.

Nissan is spending £31 million basing its European technology headquarters in the UK, which will need 350 new workers. Toyota is to start work on its huge British manufacturing site at Burnaston, Derbyshire, which will create at least 3,000 jobs.

Another 600 jobs will be created in Coventry by a German wiring manufacturer, Reinshagen (UK), hoping to be fully operational within two years.

The company is one of many component makers expected to set up in the Midlands in anticipation of millions of pounds-worth of orders for the £700 million Toyota plant, due to start output of mid-range saloons in 1992. Japanese component firms are also showing interest in the region raising hopes that an extra 3,000 people will be employed eventually in Toyota's satellite suppliers.

The three announcements confirmed Britain's resurgence as a leading car manufacturing nation and underlined the confidence of the Japanese who are now prepared to invest in high quality research and design.

The Nissan European Technology Centre Ltd – based at the company's present Washington, Tyne and Wear, headquarters and at Cranfield, Bedfordshire – will be the first facility set up by a Japanese manufacturer to design European specification cars for sale in Europe only.

The key location is a £26 million, 20-acre, green field site in the Cranfield Technology Park, Bedfordshire, which will get 250 jobs.

The other site is alongside the existing manufacturing centre at Sunderland, where it already employs 2,500 and is scheduled to create another 1,000 jobs in two years when it will be producing 200,000 vehicles a year after a total investment of more than £650 million. A further £5 million is to be invested, on top of the £6 million already spent, at the Washington site, which will be the main European centre for vehicle testing of products for manufacture in the UK and Spain.

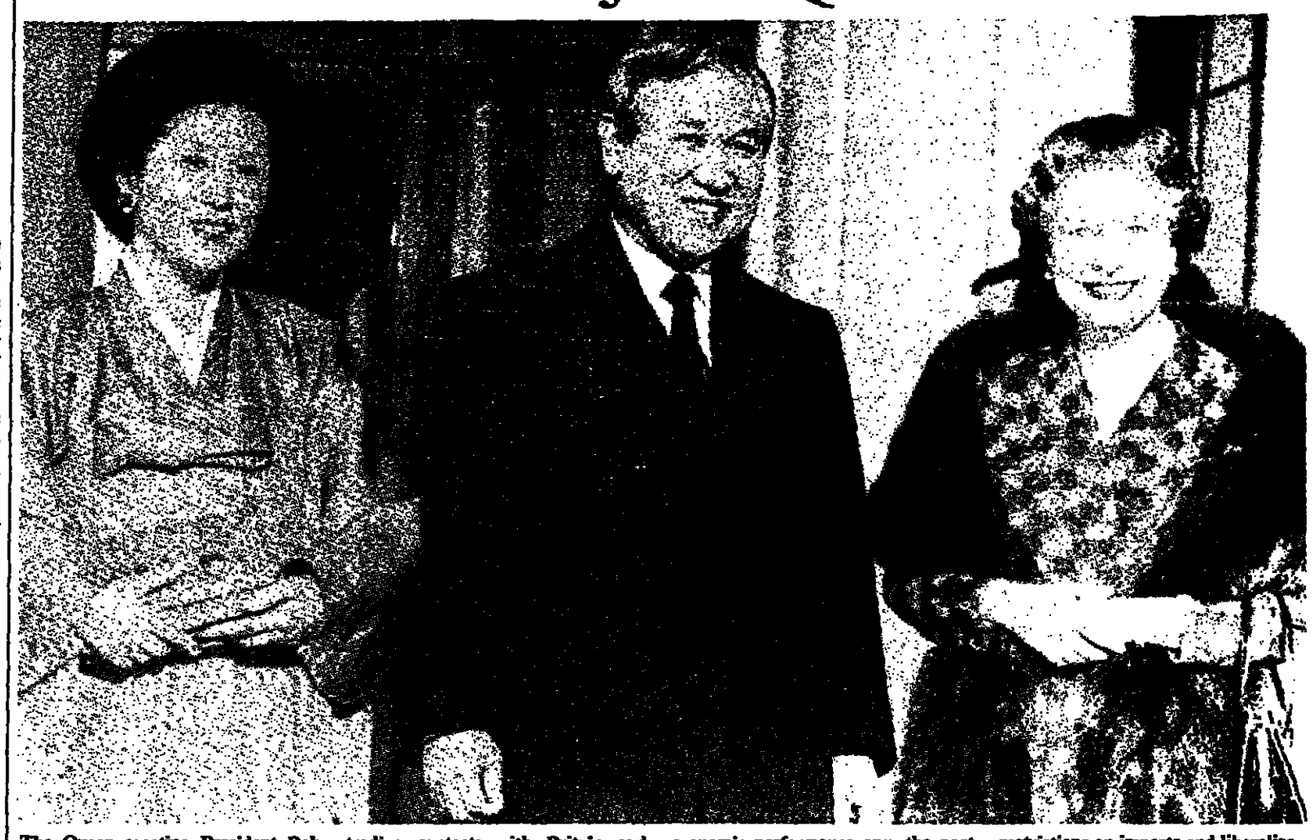
Mr Hitoshi Uemura, the technology centre's managing director, said more than 300 of the 350 new jobs will be held by Europeans and recruitment will begin in the New Year. It was further commitment to establishing fully integrated operations in Europe.

The investment by Reinshagen (UK) was announced by Mr Douglas Hogg, Minister for Industry, who said that the plant in Rowley Green, Coventry, will produce electrical wiring systems and related components for the growing UK vehicle market.

Meanwhile, the Government approved the compulsory purchase of an airfield and Derbyshire farmland for work to start on Toyota's assembly plant.

Local farmers and Derby Aero Club had fought against the move at a public inquiry.

Korean President joins Queen for lunch



The Queen greeting President Roh Tae Woo of South Korea and his wife as they arrived at Buckingham Palace yesterday for lunch. The President is on an official visit seeking to improve trading contacts with Britain and attract more British investment. Earlier, in a speech to the Confederation of British Industry in London, he poinated to South Korea's outstanding economic performance over the past 30 years and said the country offered big export opportunities for Britain. With the exception of certain agricultural items, there were virtually no restrictions on imports and liberalization would go on, he said. "Korea's economic success serves as a showcase of the merits and bounty of the free enterprise and market system."

Poll tax warrants

Council action on outstanding £25m

By Kerry Gill

Almost 77,000 warrants are to be issued against people in Lothian Region for persistent refusal to pay community charge bills amounting to £25.5million.

The warrants represent 12 per cent of the 600,000 people in the region liable to pay poll tax. Borders Regional Council said yesterday it also intends to issue warrants to 3,500 people for non-payment.

The council hopes that the warrants will force people to pay the tax before sheriffs' officers are requested to begin warrant sales procedures – the compulsory seizure and sale of a debtor's goods. None has yet been held in Scotland for non-payment of the tax.

Mr David Begg, of the council's finance committee, emphasized that warrant sales were still some way off. "We are not going to have piles of furniture in every street in Lothian," he said.

Some were refusing to pay because they could not afford their bills, not for political reasons, he said.

Mr Andy Clackers, of the Lothian Federation of Anti-Poll Tax Groups, said: "We have seen the power of the people sweep away governments in eastern Europe and now the power of the people in Scotland is pushing the poll tax to the brink of collapse."

Mr Clackers claimed that if all those being served with warrants continued not to pay then the process leading to warrant sales would take up to 20 years. However, councils are reluctant to go ahead with the sales because of public antipathy and recent legislation which makes it difficult to recoup cash.

The Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987 imposed severe constraints on warrant sales. Only luxury items can be sold off; furniture, toys and even cars are considered essential to a family's wellbeing.

Mr Brian Meek, leader of Lothian's Conservative group, said that Labour councillors who refused to pay the poll tax and who encouraged the public to do the same, were irresponsible.

Meanwhile Mr Alex Smith, Labour MEP for Scotland South, who has incurred a £50 penalty for non-registration for the poll tax, refused entry to sheriffs' officers who called at his home in Irvine, Strathclyde, yesterday to carry out a poinding – under Scottish law a preliminary valuation of a debtor's household goods in advance of a warrant sale.

Protesters threatened to form a human blockade of his front door to prevent the officers entering. They arrived before the blockade could be mounted, but left without trying to force entry.



Mr Alex Smith: Sheriffs' officers refused entry.

Survey on drug use

Criminals, drug-takers and anyone suspected of crime in Merseyside are to be asked to co-operate in a survey by Merseyside Police and the Mersey Regional Health Authority to discover the extent of illegal drug use in the region. The survey begins tomorrow and anyone taken to police stations on suspicion of an offence or who contacts the health service with a drug problem will be asked to fill in a questionnaire. The survey's aim is to help to control drugs mis-use, the spread of Aids and the link between drugs and crime.

Private funeral

A private funeral for Mrs Aisling Barnett, the liver transplant patient, will be held tomorrow. She died on Tuesday, at King's College Hospital, south London, two months after her operation.

£6,800 fine

A Spanish lorry driver was fined £6,800 yesterday by magistrates at Haywards Heath, West Sussex, for ferrying oranges from Spain for 40 days without a break, flouting tachograph laws.

Fire alert

More than 100 workers were evacuated from the BP oil terminal at Hamble, Hampshire, yesterday as firemen brought a blaze in a waste oil container under control. There were no casualties.

Park proposed

The American entertainment giant MCA yesterday announced plans to develop a Hollywood-inspired theme park, named Universal City, at Rainham, Essex.

Borehole plan

Plans for a third exploration borehole for an underground nuclear waste depository at Sellafield, Cumbria, are being prepared by British Nuclear Fuels, it was disclosed yesterday.

Busts stolen

Two marble busts worth more than £100,000 have been stolen from Millbrook village church, Bedfordshire. They are by Sir Richard Westmacott, one of England's greatest sculptors.

Life sentence

John Wilson of Newbattle Avenue, Calderbank, Airdrie, was jailed for life by the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday for attempting to rape a single woman, aged 51, after breaking into her home.

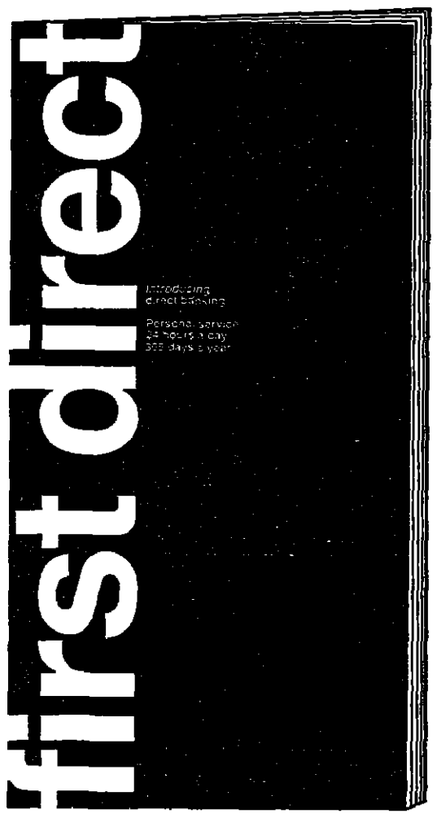
Inquest verdict

A verdict of accidental death was yesterday recorded on Mr Peter De Freitas, aged 26, drummer with the rock group Echo and The Bunnymen, who died when his motorcycle was in collision with a car in Staffordshire.

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THE CHANGING FACE OF EUROPE

NATO: CONVENTIONAL FORCES TALKS

Ministers agree to scrap old and share out new equipment

From Michael Evans, Brussels

Nato defence ministers have formally agreed there should be an "arms swap" within the alliance after a conventional forces treaty is signed next year. Under the swap only old equipment would be scrapped and the new shared around, it emerged in Brussels yesterday.

A Nato task force has been ordered by the defence ministers to find the most practical way of achieving this.

It could mean that Turkey, now equipped with thousands of the oldest tanks in the alliance, including veteran US M47s built in the Korean War, could be presented with a batch of modern ones.

Under the Conventional Forces in Europe talks in Vienna, it is proposed that Nato will scrap 2,200 main battle tanks.

Yesterday Mr Richard Cheney, the United States Defence Secretary, told a press conference at the end of a two-day meeting of Nato's defence planning committee that "minor disagreements in the alliance" should not stand in the way of reaching a conventional arms agreement with the Warsaw Pact before the end of 1990.

He said the alliance must "move aggressively" to conclude the negotiations.

However, Nato officials underlined the main problems that lay ahead in resolving the alliance's position on how the proposed cuts in tanks and other equipment were going to be shared out.

One senior Nato official, who is involved in the "equipment transfer" proposal as well as the cuts share-out, said the aim would be to try to introduce some "rationalization" in equipment. At present the 16 Nato allies have 10 different types of main battle tank in the field.

Some of the questions facing the Nato task force are: who will pay for the equipment transfer programme? Should an ally who benefits from the exchange have to bear the full financial burden? And whose tanks would they get in part exchange?

Also, could this enforced post-treaty rationalization put new pressure on Britain to abandon its present Challenger 2 option — under development by Vickers Defence Systems — for replacing the old Chieftain, and instead buy off-the-shelf from Washington or Bonn?

The Nato team responsible for resolving these complex matters — an enlarged version of the existing High Level Task Force — does not even know yet whether France will join the equipment transfer programme.

The arms swap idea was first proposed by General John Galvin, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, a few months ago, but he was told off for talking about it in public. Now, after the defence planning committee meeting, it has become firm alliance policy. Asked if these internal alliance problems could be resolved in time for next year's treaty, one Nato official said: "We have got to."

He added that all allies would also want to get their fair share of the cuts under a CFE treaty. "There will be plenty of volunteers for larger shares of the cuts, but no doubt none who will volunteer to be excluded," he said.

The defence ministers were under no illusion yesterday that Washington is now placing top priority on getting a conventional arms treaty signed within a year and then fully implemented as quickly as possible. Mr Cheney even criticized the Soviet Union for saying it would take five to seven years to scrap all the Warsaw Pact equipment proposed by the treaty. "My view is that this is unrealistic. We must press them to improve on it."

Mr Cheney admitted that enormous problems remained for the Vienna talks, such as definitions of equipment and verification procedures. But with the enormous economic problems in the Soviet Union, President Gorbachov should want "a quick agreement".

Mr Cheney said it was his personal hope that the West would be able to "persuade" the Soviet Union ultimately to remove all its forces now stationed in Eastern Europe.

Mr Cheney did not say what Nato would have to offer in return for a total Soviet withdrawal.

He confirmed at the press conference that he did not rule out further Nato cuts after the conventional forces treaty was signed next year.

It would appear the US has not discounted the possibility that after consultation with the rest of the alliance it could press ahead with more cuts in US troops in Europe, whether there was a CFE 2 or not.



Mr Cheney: Is hoping for removal of all Soviet forces.

EUROPEAN TONE FOR FIRST ITALIAN VISIT

Gorbachov's road leads him to Rome

From Mary Dejevsky
Rome

President Gorbachov's state visit to Italy, the first by a Soviet leader for 20 years, began here yesterday with both sides setting a determinedly European tone.

The flag of the European Community flew alongside the Italian and Soviet flags as Mr Gorbachov arrived for his first formal engagement, a reception given by President Cossiga at the Quirinale Palace. In his speech of welcome, the Italian President expressed his approval of the Soviet concept of a common European home — but only as a long-term prospect to be achieved in stages.

The Soviet leader arrived in Rome at 11.30am and emerged from his aircraft into brilliant autumn sunshine to be greeted by Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Prime Minister.

Mr Gorbachov, who looked tired and occasionally sombre through the day, was accompanied by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, his Foreign Minister, and Mr Aleksandr Yakovlev, the Central Committee secretary responsible for foreign affairs.

Mrs Raisa Gorbachov, who followed her husband from the plane, was discreetly dressed in a dark coat.

Security, reportedly provided by more than 5,000 police and officials with 100 deputed to guard Mr Gorbachov alone, was conspicuous as the Soviet party left the airport for the Soviet Ambassador's residence, the Villa Abamelek, overlooking Vatican City.

The Villa Abamelek, where Mr and Mrs Gorbachov will stay, has been under tight security all week and barbed wire along the top of the perimeter fence has been renewed.

Yesterday morning a busload of armed police arrived to augment the two dozen or so already manning the main entrance. All surrounding streets were patrolled, and helicopters clattered overhead.

Italian officials say the Soviet guests chose to stay in the villa rather than the Quirinale, where foreign dignitaries are usually accommodated, so that they could keep in close touch with Moscow in the run-up to the Malta summit.

Any reticence shown by the small crowds yesterday was not reflected in the excitable Italian press, which had banner headlines — "Gorby il *magnifico*", proclaimed *Corriere della Sera*, the Milan paper — and pages of reports and analysis.

Although this is the Gorbachovs' first official visit to Italy, they have previously privately visited the country. Unusually, even for a well-connected Soviet couple, they spent a holiday in a village near Palermo 18 years ago, long before Mr Gorbachov came to prominence.

Further details emerged yesterday of plans for Mr Gorbachov's historic meeting with the Pope at the Vatican tomorrow.

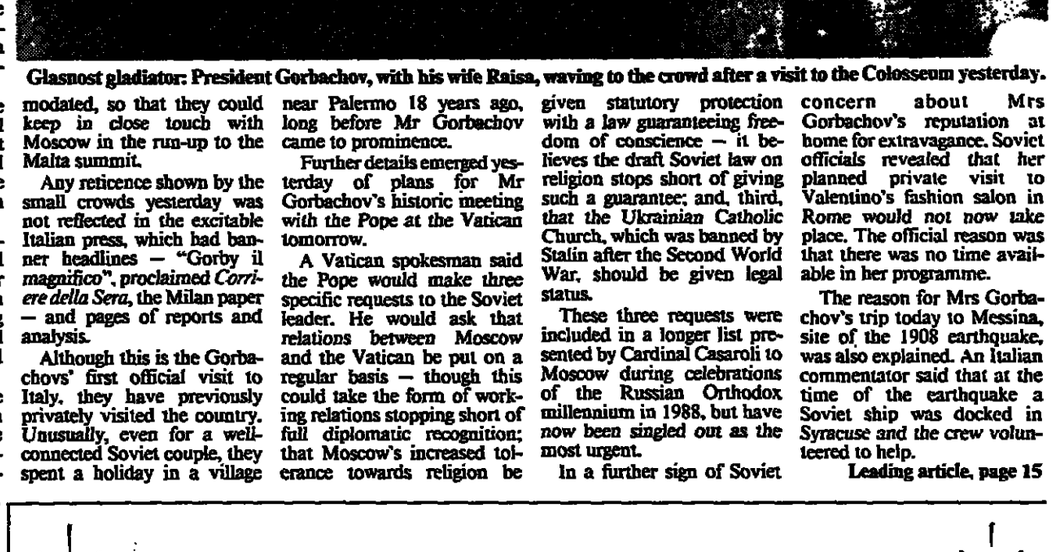
A Vatican spokesman said the Pope would make three specific requests to the Soviet leader. He would ask that relations between Moscow and the Vatican be put on a regular basis — though this could take the form of working relations stopping short of full diplomatic recognition; that Moscow's increased tolerance towards religion be given statutory protection with a law guaranteeing freedom of conscience — it believes the draft Soviet law on religion stops short of giving such a guarantee; and, third, that the Ukrainian Catholic Church, which was banned by Stalin after the Second World War, should be given legal status.

These three requests were included in a longer list presented by Cardinal Casaroli to Moscow during celebrations of the Russian Orthodox millennium in 1988, but have now been singled out as the most urgent.

In a further sign of Soviet concern about Mrs Gorbachov's reputation at home for extravagance, Soviet officials revealed that her planned private visit to Valentino's fashion salon in Rome would not now take place. The official reason was that there was no time available in her programme.

The reason for Mrs Gorbachov's trip today to Messina, site of the 1908 earthquake, was also explained. An Italian commentator said that at the time of the earthquake a Soviet ship was docked in Syracuse and the crew volunteered to help.

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Glasnost gladiator: President Gorbachov, with his wife Raisa, waving to the crowd after a visit to the Colosseum yesterday.

YUGOSLAVIA

Serbian rally is called off

Belgrade (Reuter) — Serbian activists yesterday called off a rally in the Yugoslav republic of Slovenia which politicians had feared could lead to bloodshed.

Earlier Slovenia banned public meetings in a series of emergency police measures ahead of the rally set for Friday, prompting Serbia's Communist front organization to urge Serbian enterprises and institutions to break all ties with Slovenia.

Yugoslav leaders, including President Drnovsek and Mr Ante Markovic, the Prime Minister, had appealed to Serbs to call off the rally which politicians and the media said could lead to unprecedented clashes betweens Serbs and Slovenes.

Croatia and Slovenia had closed their borders to the Serbian demonstrators. Serb activists had predicted that tens of thousands of people would try to attend the rally arranged to coincide with the December 1 anniversary of the founding of Yugoslavia in 1918.

Responding to the emergency measures, Serbia's Socialist Alliance said: "(We) call on all institutions and enterprises in Serbia to break off all ties with Slovenia. Such measures against the movement and assembly of people have not existed in Yugoslavia since the (Second World War) invaders were driven out of our country."

BALTIC REPUBLICS

Fresh boost for campaign to loosen Moscow's grip

From A Correspondent, Moscow

Moves to reduce the political domination of the Soviet Communist Party have gained ground in Moscow's three Baltic republics — Latvian Communists have joined their comrades in Lithuania demanding separation from the main party and Estonia's Young Communist League has simply voted itself out of existence.

The decision in Latvia to urge a split from Moscow came at a special meeting of the party leadership. This resulted in an appeal signed by eight regional and 20 city party chiefs.

If local party organizations support the idea, then a special party congress will be called to decide the issue.

These moves will further irritate President Gorbachov who summoned Lithuanian party leaders to Moscow two weeks ago in a vain attempt to dissuade them from bringing forward their party congress to December 19 so that members could make a rapid decision.

At their congress in Estonia's capital, Tallinn, at the weekend, Young Communists decided that their influence and popularity had "declined" and that the republic's Komsomol should be dissolved on March 1.

A motion for its immediate disbandment was defeated amid what the Tass has described as an "acrimonious debate".

Moves in Latvia and Lithuania to split from the Soviet Communist Party are prompted by fears that their candidates will be severely defeated in local and republican elections early next year by independent candidates and members of the nationalist Popular Fronts.

Local Communist parties putting forward popular candidates campaigning on local issues might achieve better results.

There seems no doubt that Lithuania will form an independent party, since it is ethnically fairly homogeneous, with 80 per cent of the population native Lithuanian. Latvians, though, number only 53.7 per cent in their republic, and the majority of Communist Party members in Latvia are Russians, who seem likely to oppose any move to break away.

The Communist Party has been left floundering by the intensity of national feeling in the Baltic and other independent-minded republics like Georgia, Moldavia and Azerbaijan. This has led to considerable unease in the Kremlin about the future unity of the Soviet Union.

None the less, after heated debates in the Soviet Parliament, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia were granted considerable economic autonomy this week.

The argument that this would make it easy for them simply to slip out of the union was defeated by a large majority.

So, with communism fraying at the edges of the reforming Soviet Union, and collapsing rapidly among his East European allies, Mr Gorbachov found it necessary on Sunday to redefine the party's role to the party newspaper, *Pravda*.

The party now has a special function in "the new social organism", he wrote in a long article. It is called upon to be the "vanguard of Soviet society".

That is not the view from the more militant republics where the coming local elections are already being seen as a multi-party affair which will put an end to the Communist Party's traditional — and constitutionally guaranteed — role as the sole source of Soviet political power.

Mr Gorbachov is very aware of this. "The party will promote the development of pluralism, the emulation of the opinions in society and the broadening of *glasnost*," he wrote in *Pravda*. These concessions are probably too late.

The fact is that, for most people in the Baltics who now openly say their territories were illegally annexed by Stalin, the Communist Party represents economic backwardness and political oppression. They will use the votes President Gorbachov's reforms have brought them to cast it aside.

SOVIET UNION: ETHNIC VIOLENCE

Two killed in Azerbaijan clashes

Moscow (Reuter) — At least two people were killed yesterday in violence that erupted after a Soviet parliamentary decision to change the status of the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh, an official in the territory said.

A spokesman for the Moscow-appointed committee currently administering Nagorno-Karabakh gave few details of the disturbances. But he said the two deaths occurred just outside the territory in the republic of Azerbaijan.

"Two people are definitely dead and reports of other deaths are being checked," he said by telephone from the territory's administrative centre, Stepanakert.

Earlier yesterday Armenians accused the Soviet parliament of capitulating to Azerbaijani demands over the disputed territory and said local authorities would resist rule by Azerbaijan.

"Once again we have witnessed a case of Turkic hostility and Great Russian chauvinism, and the right of nations to self-determination has again been blatantly flouted," a journalist at the Armenian news agency Armenpress said.

The Supreme Soviet on Tuesday voted to restore Azerbaijan's powers over Nagorno-Karabakh, whose Armenian majority want unification with neighbouring Armenia.

The deputies also dissolved a special Kremlin commission which had administered the territory since January. At least 120 people have been killed in two years of ethnic unrest.

A spokeswoman at the Armenian youth newspaper *Komsomolets* said that people were angry about the decision. She predicted large crowds at demonstrations across Armenia yesterday to mark the 69th anniversary of Soviet power in the republic.

The Armenian President, Mr Grant Voskanyan, said Tuesday's vote, passed by an overwhelming majority after Armenian deputies walked out, took no account of their viewpoint.

"We cannot agree with the provisions, because neither the Supreme Soviet nor the government of Azerbaijan, by their own admission, control the situation in the autonomous region," he told Moscow Radio.

"We believe the only way out is to keep the direct administration committee and keep Nagorno-Karabakh subordinate to the union government," he said.

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EAST GERMANY: ALTERNATIVE STATE BACKED

Kohl reunification plan gives Krenz a breathing space

From Ian Murray, East Berlin

Herr Egon Krenz, East Germany's insecure new leader, has reason to thank Chancellor Helmut Kohl for launching a plan aimed at reunifying Germany.

The result here has been for all known political groups to rally round the call to maintain a socialist, sovereign "alternative Germany".

The West German Chancellor's plan was relegated pointedly to the foreign news pages of the papers yesterday. Herr Krenz commanded more space with the government-approved statement that "reunification is not on the agenda" but that East Germany would be ready to co-operate with West Germany, and might eventually be interested in some kind of "confederal structure".

In an open letter yesterday capitalizing on the widespread backing in political circles right across the range for this view, Herr Krenz promised to do everything possible to develop solidarity "in our land". He said the aim was to protect the freedom of the individual, to develop the economy while safeguarding the environment, and "bearing the historic responsibility to guard this land, with its anti-fascist and humanitarian ideals, as a socialist alternative of German development".

The rhetoric may not save him when the special party congress meets in the middle of next month to elect a new Central Committee and set broad outlines for future reform. Never before has the outcome of such a congress been more unpredictable. Vigorous debate is going on at grassroots level within the party to find delegates able to push for the reforms being demanded on every side.

Herr Krenz is considered to have been giving way to every demand by the people so far and so is viewed as a leader on the run before popular opinion. Tainted by association with the discredited old guard, he runs a poor second to Herr Hans Modrow, the new Prime Minister, in popularity according to a poll in the party newspaper, *Neues Deutschland*. This gave him under 10 per cent support compared with over 40 per cent for the Prime Minister.

Herr Kohl's call for a unified Germany has at last given Herr Krenz a chance to be seen standing firm with all the other parties and reform groups. What he cannot know, however, is whether grassroots support dislikes the reunification idea. By his own admission, the leadership has lost touch with the people and does not know what it thinks.

In resisting reunification, he has support from West Berlin's Social Democrat Mayor, Herr Walter Momper. The Chancellor's plan "must not be misused as an excuse for annexation of the second Germany," Herr Momper said in a statement yesterday.

The Mayor wants Herr Kohl to stop talking about conditions for economic aid and about reunification and to start spending money in East Germany to stop the mass exodus of refugees which is now choking West Berlin.

The city has announced it cannot take any more people unless they have close family links. In November alone 15,648 refugees have arrived there, making a total of 53,657 this year in a city with an acute housing problem.

Too much time has already been lost, Herr Momper said. "We want to build a true partnership with a democratic East Germany. The precondition for that is a new relationship of trust between the two Germanys."

Christmas goes West

From Ian Murray, East Berlin

The tinsel stars have gone up and the sales have gone down this week in Centrum, the huge five-storey concrete cube on the Alexanderplatz which is East Berlin's drab answer to Harrod's.

Pre-Christmas shopping is brisk but not booming. The counter selling red Christmas stockings always seems to have the longest queues beside it. The gifts to be put inside the stockings are bought elsewhere.

The toy department is scarcely crowded. Prices for the toys, however, are ridiculously low by Western standards. At the current black market rate of exchange, the children's electric trains cost less than £5. But at average local pay rates, they cost a week's wages.

So this Christmas the East Berliners are going West to do their shopping.

The DM 100 (£37) "welcome money" — which is worth 2,000 East German marks for those who want to risk the illegal black market exchange — can buy much more exciting things from a far wider choice than in the Centrum on the Eastern side.

Sales in Centrum are also down as the new restrictions on the sale of subsidized goods mean that the Poles, who were buying them in bulk to sell in the West, are no longer allowed to do so.

The queues at the children's clothing counter are longer because shoppers have to produce their East German identity card before they can make a purchase.

The regulation does not cover items such as bicycles and toy engines, and therein lies the seed of a surge in inflation, particularly if West Germans are allowed easy entry to the country, as Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, demands.

The hard-pressed East German economy could end up subsidizing consumer goods for the West unless the Government rapidly finds ways of controlling the flow through its newly opened borders.

Pavement view of Communist downfall

GRAHAM WOOD



Bratislava residents gather to watch a video of the events in Prague where, they insist, the revolution has a different nature.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: TWO FACES OF PROTEST

Slovaks go their own revolutionary way

From Brian James, Bratislava

The revolutionary crowds give the impression of a single nation, reborn. But in reality this are two nations and there are two revolutions: one Czech, the other Slovak.

In this city on the Danube the slogans spitting hatred for the party bosses may be the same, but beneath the surface this is a curiously apolitical revolution, quite different from that in Prague.

Here there was no blood on the streets in 1968 and the mood is again more restrained than that in the capital.

Bound together as one country in 1918, Czechs and Slovaks have steadfastly declined to call themselves one nation, emphasizing differences in language, culture and attitudes. It is thus unsurprising to learn that Bratislava, the Slovak capital, insists its revolution is no mirror of that in Prague.

Some things are the same. On the main buildings hand-written slogans proclaim the same hatred for the communist system, if now in a different language. Students sporting tricolour badges are bustling everywhere, and waiters and shop assistants who have not smiled in 20 years try out welcoming grins.

Every night theatres are filled to capacity with people debating their future.

The difference was explained by Mrs Sonia Szomoldaycova, a member of the Committee of Public Against Violence, which is Bratislava's version of Prague's Civil Forum. "Our movement was non-political. It was apolitical. An unofficial network grew up of open-thinkers, discussing ethical and moral questions.

"We met and talked, not making plans for changing things, for there was no way this could ever be done. Politics had no interest for any of us. Yet these are now the co-ordinators of the revolution here in Bratislava. And these are the people who will, in a matter of days, I believe, form a new party, probably to be called Christian Democrats, which will enter elections."

She theorized on the differences between Czech and Slovak attitudes that made "us in Bratislava make a calm revolution".

It was a factor, she said, that Bratislava "had never had blood on its streets in 1968. Repression also was not so harsh. So we had not Prague's hard edge. But do not then believe that we were happy.

"The system made us. As a sociologist, I believe there is a sort of genetic code, that decent people are formed by repression. In Bratislava there were 'islands of positive deviants' with no way to come together. The police batons in Prague were the catalyst that pulled all these islands into a single continent of action."

Many of these "islands" were Green activists, if activist is an apt description of those who dared no more than produce a hand-typed quarterly about environmental pollution. "We saw our country poisoned, but we were ignored," said Mr Peter Tatar, a Green now helping to create the new party. "But our criticism provoked the conditioned reflex of the old system — first ignore, then suppress."

There were 19 people in Mrs Szomoldnycova's flat on November 17 when Prague police charged students. The flat grew silent as the scenes were described on Radio Free Europe. A decision was taken to walk to the city centre next day with as many friends as they could muster to light candles in protest. That in itself was a brave decision. The last attempt to hold a candle-lit procession in Bratislava in 1987, in support of religious freedom for the Catholic majority, was met by water cannon and clubs.

But Mrs Szomoldnycova's friends found that by next morning events had overtaken them and they were now merely a part of a great movement. That same radio broadcast brought every student body out on strike and sent the city's actors and actresses into factories to pass leaflets and ask for support of the workers.

Mr Juraj Vaculik, a student leader, said: "The Radio Free Europe broadcast from Prague was our signal, like a flame. We had contacts with student movements in Prague and now we had made ourselves the data-base for the passing of information and plans for the workers of all Slovakia.

"We, too, were not political, but now we try to make space for new parties to emerge. Our strike will go on until the revolution's demands are included in the law. Then we return to our studies. Making protests is not the way to serve Slovakia; making ourselves qualified to be good scientists, good artists, is the way we will serve the revolution."

POWER STRUGGLE IN PRAGUE

Old parties vie to fill the vacuum

From John Holland, Prague

"We have four old friends, an infant and a priest, chasing after a cripple, that is the problem," was the way one Prague political sage described the hurdles faced by political parties and interests struggling to fill the political vacuum left by the near-paralysis of the once-mighty Communist Party.

Four Communist-allied political parties (the four old friends), the infant (the opposition group Civil Forum), and the Catholic Church (priest), are already seeking electoral influence after the Communist Party leadership said it was prepared to give up its monopoly on power and allow free elections.

Leading Communists have said the chances are good that elections could be held within the next 12 months.

The Communist-dominated rubberstamp Federal Assembly must still formalize the abolition of the leading role of the party at a special session which began yesterday. However, it seemed clear from the events on the streets and the complete absence of police or military intimidation in the past two weeks, that the Communists have already relinquished it.

Mr Karel Urbanek, the new party leader, said as much to party activists on Tuesday, informing them that in order to save the party it was necessary to give up its leading role.

There are four established parties in Czechoslovakia, which together have 3 per cent representation in the assembly. All have the weight of past loyal service to the Communists — with the notable exception of 1968 — hanging round their necks.

The most forward-looking in recent days has been the 16,000-strong Socialist Party. Mr Bohuslav Kucera, its chairman, was the first Communist-allied leader to call for free elections and the abolition of Article 4 of the 1960 Constitution, guaranteeing the leading role of the Communist Party, and Article 6, which guarantees its leading role in the National Front.

After 1968, many Socialists were arrested or forced to emigrate because of their support for the reformist policies of Mr Alexander Dubcek, the then Communist leader.

There is already great doubt about how long the National Front — the Communist-led coalition which includes the Socialist and People's parties, the Slovak Reconstruction Party, and the Slovak Freedom Party — will survive, let alone wield influence.

The latter two Slovak parties, with fewer than than 3,000 members combined, are considered too small and conservative (party loyal) to have any kind of national role.

The Socialist daily *Svobodne Slovo* provided full and open coverage of the demonstrations and the demands for reform. From its balcony overlooking Wenceslas Square Mr Vaclav Havel, the Civil Forum leader, Mr Dubcek, and Mr Valtr Komarek, the outspoken economic forecaster, exhorted the masses to press home their demands for reform.

The People's Party, with 44,000 members (against the Communists' 1.6 million) was the result of a merger 60 years ago of several Catholic parties. It is also poised to play a leading role after the appointment on Tuesday of Mr Josef Bartoncik, who has also urged free elections and an end to Communist dominance.

AID TO POLAND DOUBLED

Walesa arrives for first UK visit

By Tom Giles

Mr Lech Walesa, Poland's "Man of Iron" and the leader of Solidarity, arrived in Britain for the first time yesterday as Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, announced that British aid to Poland would be doubled.

In an announcement to the Commons, Mr Hurd said the Government would increase its aid package to Poland to £50 million to help with its transition to democracy and economic stability.

In addition, a further £64 million will go to an international fund to rebuild the Polish economy and £15 million to ease food shortages.

The money will go to the "know-how", fund which was set up to provide aid over five years after the visit to Britain in June of General Wojciech Jaruzelski, the former Polish leader.

Mr Hurd said: "Food supplies are crucial and we contribute to the European Community's supply of free food to Poland. This is one of those many occasions when those who give quickly give twice and that is what we are doing."

Mr Walesa's five-day visit as a guest of the TUC comes only days after a triumphant tour of Canada, Venezuela and the US. There he was received by Congress and President Bush with a warmth reserved for a man widely-seen as heralding the demise of single-party rule in Eastern Europe.

His calls for a new Marshall Plan for the bankrupt Eastern economies, peppered with a sense of humour and history that characterized his American tour, brought an emotional Congress to its feet.

The head of the 1981 Solidarity trade union, Eastern Europe's first mass reform movement, confirmed that he is as much a symbol of the changes in and around Poland as an international statesman pressing for economic aid.

In the latter role, the 46 year-old politician has been partly successful. Although President Bush signed a Bill on Tuesday authorizing a $938 million (£600 million) aid package to Hungary and Poland over three years, Mr Walesa has repeatedly asked for more.

The Government has tacitly underlined the economic thrust of his visit with its increase in British aid.

Mr Hurd said that the extra £64 million would go to the £640 million "stabilization fund" set up by the West to act as a guaranteed reserve to support the zloty.

Mr Walesa will meet Mrs Thatcher, Mr Hurd, politicians, trade unionists and businessmen. The test of his true political skill will lie in his ability to balance trade union ties with his appeal to British capitalists.

His performance in the US has already been the source of a new investment impetus. With passionate appeals to a common heritage, Mr Walesa galvanized Chicago, the Polish capital of America and its most unionized city, to set up a Polish American Forum.

But in the politically-charged atmosphere of British trade unionism, Mr Walesa will tread carefully.

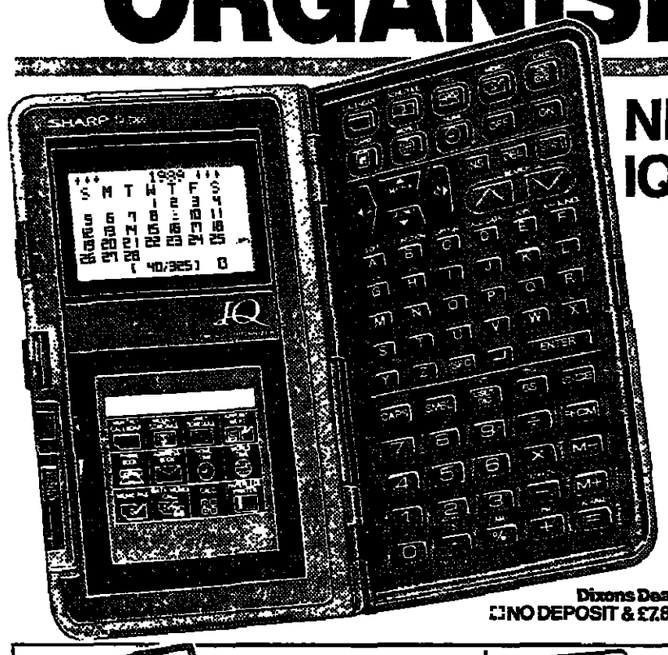
The 1983 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize is an admirer of Mrs Thatcher's defence policy and calls for private investment. But, as a trade union leader, it is with the first victims of free market forces — coal mining, shipbuilding and other traditional industries — that his most basic sympathies lie.

Perhaps that explains why he has distanced himself from any formal postion in the Solidarity-led Government.

Primarily a trade union leader and symbol of opposition at a time of domestic conflict, he has been increasingly content to carry out a less bellicose role as the "father of reforms".

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Syrian tanks mass to force out Aoun

From Juan Carlos Gumucio
Schweifat
south-east of Beirut

Scores of Syrian tanks yesterday took up combat positions three miles south of the headquarters bunker of General Michel Aoun, the defiant Christian leader, beneath the presidential palace at Baabda.

He was given assurances that, if he is attacked, the powerful Phalangist "Lebanese Forces" militia will fight alongside the 20,000-strong Lebanese Army, whose command was nominally taken away from him on Tuesday by the Syrian-backed President Hrawi.

There was no movement on the ground last night, but Beirut's weary population was bracing itself for more fighting.

As the Syrians dug in, 33 right-wing French parliamentarians joined tens of thousands of Christian youths forming a "human shield" protecting Baabda.One legislator, M Bernard Bosson, declared: "This is like the people's movement in East Europe asking for democracy."

The surprise initiative by the parliamentarians came as France's Socialist Government tried to prevent the 14-year civil war in Lebanon from erupting again. In a clear warning to President Hrawi and Syria, France said on Tuesday that it would not support any group responsible for a resumption of violence. M François Scheer, the French envoy, had private talks on Tuesday with Mr Hrawi in Beirut and with Mr Farouk al-Shara, Syria's Foreign Minister, in Damascus.

The deployment of armour and artillery in Schweifat, on the south-eastern fringes of the "green line", added weight to speculation that the Syrian Army has completed a three-front "arch" to launch an assault on Baabda to dislodge General Aoun.

Soviet-made T54 and T55 main battle tanks, some of them equipped with mine-clearing gear and bulldozer blades, were seen along the green line, and reliable reports said that there had been a similar build-up in the hills of Eitat facing the mountain garrison of Souk el-Gharb and in the Douar Choueir front overlooking Bikfaya.

Syrian soldiers in full battle gear stood at the ready among the ruins of factories in Schweifat, and scores of ambulances and ammunition lorries waited quietly in the narrow alleyways of south Beirut.

One military analyst said: "The Syrian Army has completed preparations for an assault on Baabda. The finger is now on the trigger."

● DAMASCUS: A well-placed Arab source said yesterday that Syria would wait no more than "a matter of days" before taking decisive action to remove General Aoun from his bunker (Christopher Walker writes).

The source told reporters that General Aoun was now the only obstacle to Syria's aim to have a new Lebanese President and a government of national reconciliation.



Heavy traffic: A battle tank looming over cars as it rolls in to increase the Syrian force threatening General Aoun's bunker on three sides in east Beirut.

UN cash threat over PLO win

From James Bone, New York

The Palestine Liberation Organization scored a decisive victory yesterday that may trigger a US withdrawal from the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and continued a campaign in New York that could lead to the US cutting all funding for the United Nations as a whole.

The FAO's governing body in Rome ignored US threats and voted overwhelmingly to help the PLO teach Palestinians how to grow food in the Israeli-occupied territories.

The resolution was passed by 96 to two, with 14 absentions. The United States and Israel voted against and Britain abstained.

Earlier this week, the US State Department confirmed that the Agriculture Secretary, Mr Clayton Yeutter, had written to the FAO's Lebanese Director-General, Mr Edouard Saouma, giving a warning that the US might pull out of the organization if it extended any new measure of recognition to the PLO.

The US representative at the FAO, Mr Gerald Monroe, said before the vote that the FAO would "cease to be effective" if the resolution was passed. The controversy at the FAO is part of a wider diplomatic battle between the PLO, which unilaterally declared a state of Palestine last year, and the United States.

The PLO claims that its self-proclaimed state has been recognized by 117 nations and has pushed for recognition by UN agencies.

Already this year, it has made unsuccessful attempts to win recognition by the World Health Organization and the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The US Congress has enacted legislation requiring President Bush to cut funding to any organization that moves to recognize the PLO.

The most serious confrontation yet is looming this week at the UN General Assembly debate in New York. Arab nations are planning to introduce a resolution before the assembly's annual debate on Palestine, which was due to begin yesterday, that would recognize the PLO as a nation.

The State Department has said that, if such a resolution is passed by the General Assembly, Washington will cut all funds to the UN — a quarter of the whole UN budget.

Western diplomats were working feverishly to avert the crisis by preventing the Arab nations from presenting a resolution recognizing Palestine. But Mr Clovis Maksoud, the Arab League ambassador, said the Arab group was determined to press ahead with the initiative.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Malan denies link to raids 'cousin'

Johannesburg — General Magnus Malan, South Africa's Defence Minister, said yesterday he had never heard of Mr Mervin Malan, who claims to be his cousin and a former captain in Special Forces who went on "kill and destroy" raids into Angola *mibia* (Gavin Bell writes).

"I do not know of such a family member," said General Malan. "Whoever he may be, I will not take part in his search for publicity." He said a claim he wanted the man dead was so outrageous it was beyond comment and he had asked the chief of the defence force to investigate the claims. Pretoria police said Mr Mervin Malan was a former miner with convictions for fraud, housebreaking and theft, malicious damage to property and drunk driving.

Bribe case confession

Tokyo (Reuter) — A former Labour Ministry official yesterday became the first person to acknowledge in court that he had taken bribes from Recruit, the company at the heart of Japan's biggest post-war political scandal.

Mr Shigeru Kano told the Tokyo district court he had accepted gifts and invitations worth 1.51 million yen (£6,744) from the Recruit company, a communications firm, and in return had obstructed regulations that would have hampered Recruit. Trials of 12 politicians, officials and businessmen linked to the scandal have just started.

Mercenaries in charge

Mayotte (AFP) — Troops led and officered by white mercenaries have taken charge in the Comoros islands, where some 200 people are said to have been arrested since President Abdallah was assassinated in an attempted military coup on Sunday, according to reliable sources on Mayotte, an island in the archipelago. The Presidential Guard, led by M Bob Denard, a Frenchman, and about 30 French and Belgian mercenaries, was in control on Grande Comore and Anjouan, the two biggest islands.

Airline finds bomb

Bogotá — American television networks yesterday reported the discovery of a bomb in luggage being checked on to a Colombian airliner at Los Angeles airport. The find was made in wake of speculation that sabotage caused the air disaster here on Monday in which 107 people were killed (Geoffrey Matthews writes). After the Colombian Boeing 727 blew up in mid-air speculation that a bomb was the cause was fuelled by telephone calls to the media, claiming responsibility for cocaine racketeers.

Ethiopia peace hope

Nairobi — In an atmosphere of hostility and mutual distrust the Ethiopian Government and secessionist Eritrean rebels announced yesterday that their preliminary talks to establish a framework for a peace conference to end the 28-year civil war have been successfully concluded (Marti Colley writes). Both sides have agreed to invite the former Tanzanian President, Mr Julius Nyerere, to act alongside Mr Jimmy Carter, the former US President, as co-chairmen of the future talks.

Mayor fights off 'lies and libels'

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

M Jacques Médecin, the Mayor of Nice for upwards of two decades, is a man of many words, not all of them printable. He believes in taking the fight to the numerous enemies he has made during the time he has been running the city as a sort of private fiefdom.

It was no suprise, then, to hear M Médecin's reaction to being charged earlier this month with "misuse of public funds". Between deleted expletives, he addressed himself with vehemence to what he dismissed as the "lies, libels, misinformation and muddle" being reported in the press.

In his time M Médecin who, aged 61, is a pillar of the Gaullist party and represents Nice in the National Assembly, has survived more than a few similar scandals.

Today the man French journalists have nicknamed "Monsieur 10 per cent" is again embroiled in a distinctly murky *affaire* featuring money, tax, politics and the body of a beautiful woman.

He is understood to be the target of no fewer than 80 different tax investigations. The latest contretemps began last month with a swoop by a special police squad from Paris on a Nice newspaper owned by M Médecin.

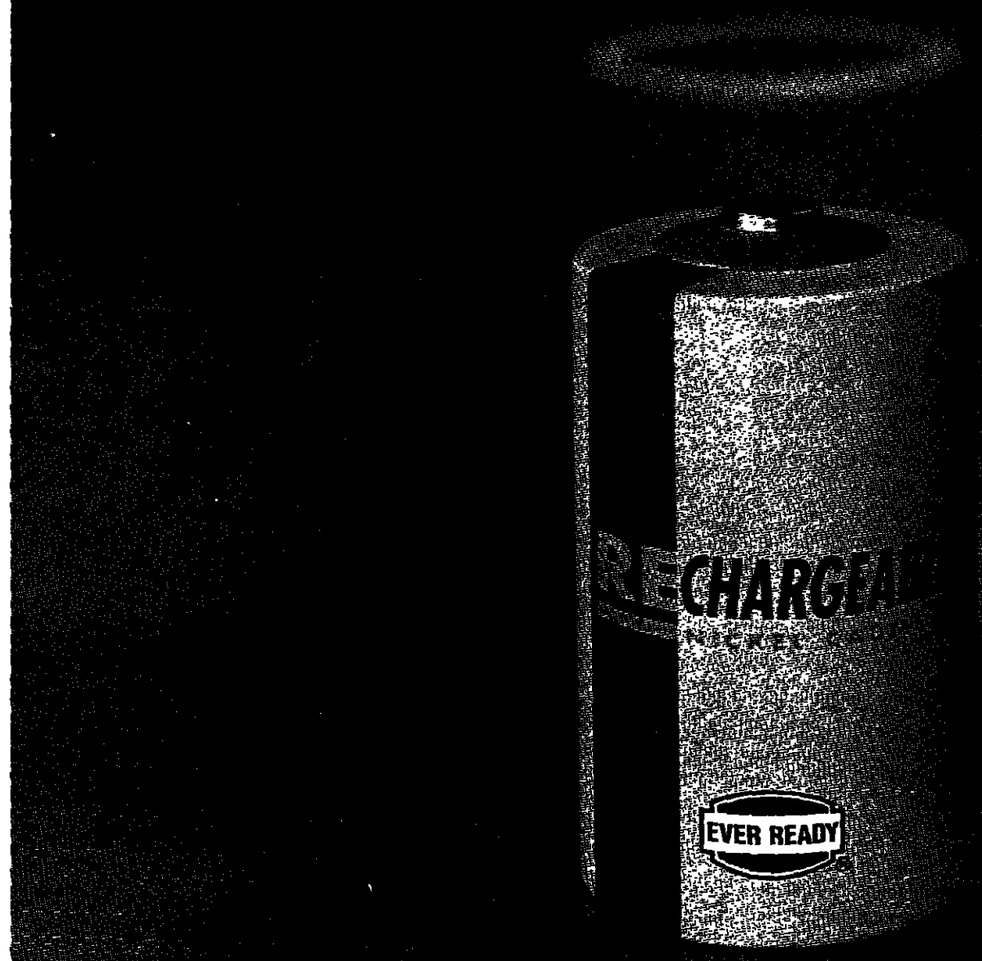
Next stop were the Mayor's office and his homes, from which a large number of documents were removed. Insiders believe these were primarily related to M Médecin's private business interests, which extend from Nice to Beverly Hills, California.

Enter — and exit — Mme Claudette Pezenas, once the Hollywood end of one of M Médecin's numerous companies, whose business relationship turned sour. Last July her body was found in the jacuzzi at her home in Palm Springs.

M Médecin believes the socialist authorities are out to get him for political reasons.

The Mayor may have a point: it is not unknown for old political scores to be settled by the timely instigation of an *affaire* — although M Médecin will take heart from the knowledge that precious few are ever pursued to the point of open judgement, let alone the ruin of public figures.

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Vietnam to refuse boat people who resist deportation

By Andrew McEwen in London, Martin Fletcher in Washington and A Correspondent in Hong Kong.

The Vietnamese Government has refused to allow Britain and Hong Kong to repatriate boat people who "actively resist" deportation, it emerged yesterday.

However, it is prepared to accept people who do not volunteer, provided that they do not resist.

The boat people will probably conclude that only those who put up a fight will be allowed to stay in Hong Kong, once this distinction becomes known. Some may already have guessed as much, because they have hung placards from windows of Phoenix House, a centre where 62 are being held, saying: "Violent protest against forced repatriation."

Vietnam's view was disclosed by diplomatic sources yesterday after Mr Nguyen Co Thach, the Vietnamese Foreign Minister, again rejected forced repatriation. At the same time, Hanoi radio broadcast a dispatch by the official Vietnam News Agency saying: "The Vietnamese side has always rejected forced repatriation and believes that the best solution rests with the principle of voluntariness."

Whitehall sources said that this was neither new nor the key to the issue. Mr Thach had been saying the same thing for more than a year. The British had always said they were not proposing forced repatriation.

But when the Vietnamese speak of forced repatriation, they have in mind people being dragged struggling on to aircraft. They are not against people being forced in the sense of being made to understand that they have no alternative. Those who object verbally, but not physically, will not be regarded as being forced.

The agreement between Hanoi and London, which Whitehall sources say is almost complete but still not finalized, uses the term "orderly return". Hanoi is understood to have agreed to the return of an initial group, probably in December.

Hong Kong's legislative council yesterday passed a motion requiring the British Government to secure the mandatory repatriation of all Vietnamese boat people in the territory screened as non-refugees. Very few legislative councillors voted against the motion and, of those who did, the main reason was that the motion did not go far enough. They called instead for the scrapping of Hong Kong's port of first asylum policy.

In Washington, Sir Antony Acland, the British ambassador, yesterday defended Britain and Hong Kong and suggested that the United States bore partial responsibility for the problem.

In an article in *The Washington Post* he pointed out that the vast majority of Vietnamese who have fled to Hong Kong since 1979 have in fact wanted to settle in the United States.

He was replying to a *Washington Post* editorial which described the British policy as "shameful" and "deserving of condemnation and reassessment in London". The editorial is only one manifestation of a disagreement which is straining normally harmonious Anglo-American relations.

Unwise friends guided Gandhi to defeat

From Christopher Thomas
Delhi

Mr Rajiv Gandhi is a chastened man. He let a small group of inexperienced friends run his losing election campaign with an unprecedented measure of incompetence and arrogance.

The Congress (I) party's newspaper advertising campaign, with its soppy theme of "My Heart Beats For India", has become one of the great political jokes of the decade. The advertising man who devised it was one of the bright new insiders, an old friend from Doon School.

Experienced political advisers said the commercials would be a disaster but were ignored. Images of vipers and fighting cocks, portraying India in the midst of Armageddon, were mocked by newspapers and pilloried by the Opposition. Mr Gandhi, who thought he could handle a largely hostile press by ignoring it, was hidden from journalists by his new advisers.

As Hindu-Muslim riots flared, he produced some breathtaking platitudes; he offered no leadership. The result was that he lost the Muslim vote – only the second time Muslims have abandoned Congress in nine general elections – because he did not convincingly condemn rising Hindu extremism. At the end he lost his nerve and tried to restrain Hindu radicals, and so he lost the Hindu vote, too.

The hostility of the press turned into a chorus of condemnation. *The Times of India*, generally regarded as an Establishment newspaper, produced some vitriolic editorials against government tactics. Still the Prime Minister stayed silent.

Catch-the-quote became a journalistic game, because Mr Gandhi only answered questions on the run. Those answers were banal, anyway.

He kept all but a few favourite journalists off his campaign plane; there were no full-scale interviews, no proper press conferences, not even reasonable off-the-record access. He simply refused to discuss the issues.

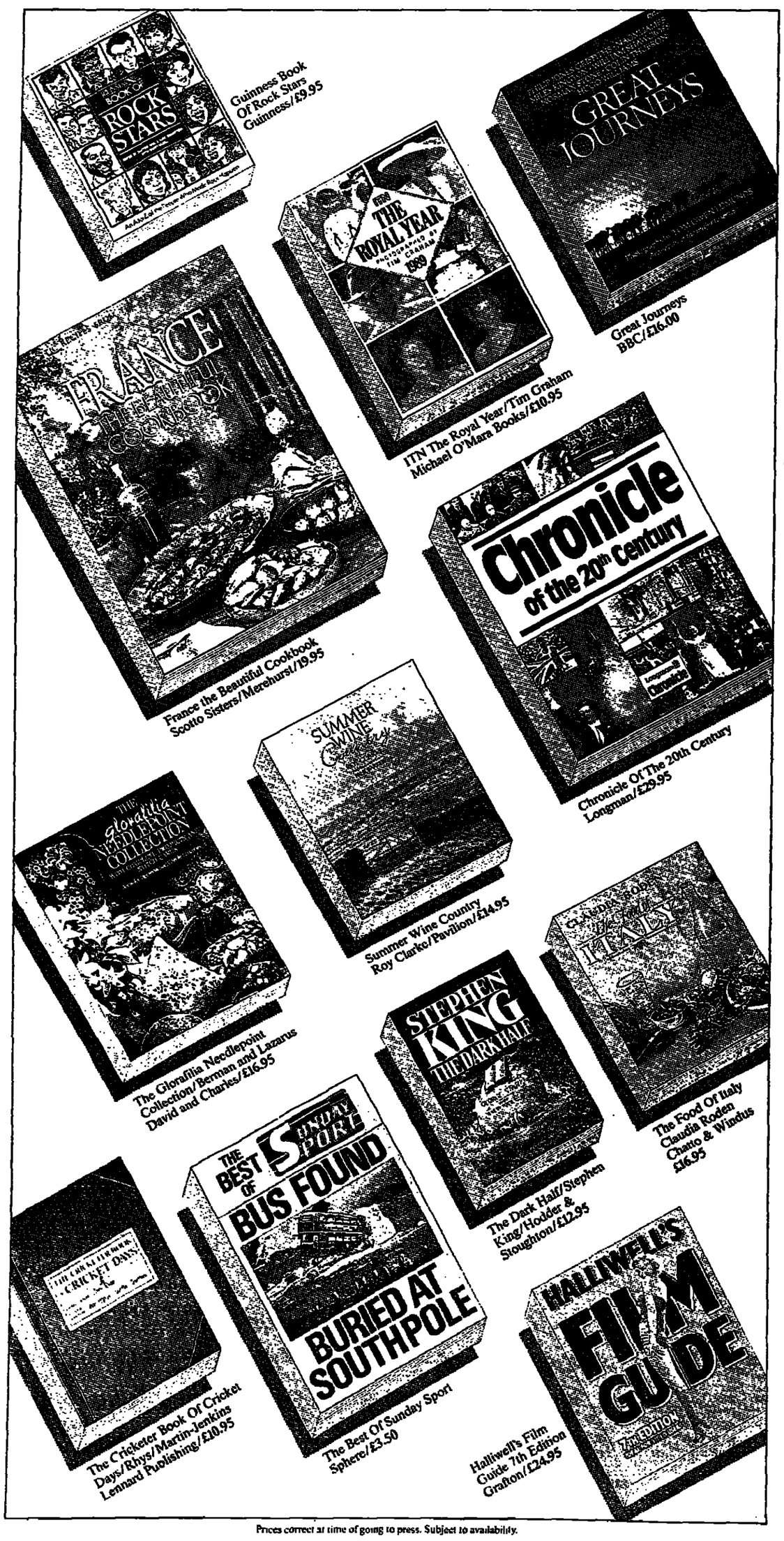
Since the election ended last Sunday, the Prime Minister has closeted himself at home and had not said a word in public up to the point when he made the lonely, short trip around the corner to the President's official residence yesterday morning to resign.

Mr Gandhi has lost stature and respect. What keep him precariously at the head of his party are his name and the fact that potential rivals were wiped out in the election.

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Mr Rajiv Gandhi facing the music at a meeting of his Congress (I) party yesterday after resigning as Indian Prime Minister.



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Civil war in El Salvador

Rebels 'get hold of Sam missiles'

From Tom Gibb, El Despoblado, El Salvador

Strong evidence has emerged that left-wing rebels have in the past week acquired advanced anti-aircraft weapons which could dramatically alter the nature of El Salvador's 10-year civil war.

President Cristiani suspended relations with Nicaragua on Sunday after a Cessna light aircraft carrying 24 Soviet Sam 7 missiles crashed in the east of the country on Saturday, but at least one other plane delivered weapons on the same day.

Peasants had gathered looking for souvenirs from the burnt-out remains of the second light aircraft, which landed successfully on isolated waste ground near this village, 50 miles south-east of San Salvador, the capital.

"The guerrillas took out lots of long green things like tubes," said a teenager called Efrain, who said he saw several hundred rebels waiting for the aircraft at the landing site.

The village children do not know what the tubes were, but the description they give fits exactly the Sams (surface-to-air missiles) found by the Salvadorean Army on the Cessna which crashed and fell into army hands.

Local people at El Despoblado say the plane which landed there could not take off again because the ground was too rough, so the rebels ordered the peasants to dismantle the aircraft and bury the remains. "You should have seen the size of the beast," said one woman, referring to the aircraft.

Before the task was finished, a Salvadorean army helicopter swooped and started to strafe the area and fire rockets. All the men who were digging fled for cover, although no one was hurt. The rebels then burned the plane and made off with their new weapons.

Military analysts say the introduction of anti-aircraft missiles will seriously change the nature of the war. The Salvadorean military has relied on extensive use of air power to keep the rebels in check. "They (the missiles) would essentially neutralize the surprise value of helicopters. The helicopters would no longer have any attack use," said Mr Court Prisk, a top United States military analyst in the region.

In the past two weeks of heavy fighting, government aircraft and helicopters have been continuously bombing and strafing.

The arrival of the missiles has also caused an international incident. President Cristiani blames Nicaragua. He says one plane had a Nicaraguan registration number, as well as documents on board from an air freight company in Nicaragua.

Nicaragua has denied sending the aircraft. On Tuesday, El Salvador asked for a special open session of the UN Security Council to discuss the incident. This was turned down. But President Bush has promised to place Nicaraguan and Cuban supplies and arms to the rebels high on the agenda when he meets President Gorbachov off Malta at the weekend.

President Arias of Costa Rica has supported El Salvador's insistence that the the Central American summit be moved from Managua.



President Cristiani: Blame laid at Nicaragua's door.

Warhol work found

Amsterdam (AFP) – Eighty-one lithographs by Andy Warhol, the late American artist, which were stolen last year in Bonn, have been recovered here, Dutch police said yesterday. Two Britons and two Yugoslavs were among seven people arrested. Their names were withheld. Fourteen of the lithographs were discovered at an hotel where the main suspect, a 36-year-old Dutchman, had just made a sale to two clients.

Plane missing

Rhode Island (AFP) – US Coast Guard teams were searching for eight people missing after a commuter plane disappeared on a flight between here and the mainland.

Airport hit

Kabul (AFP) – Mujahidin rocket fire hit a fuel storage depot near the runway of Kabul airport yesterday, forcing the closure of the runway. There were no reports of casualties.

Drug delivery

Chicago (Reuter) – Sixteen school bus drivers have been accused of delivering drugs between trips taking children to and from school.

£1.1bn will

Tokyo (Reuter) – Konosuke Matsushita, founder of Matsushita Electric Industrial Company, who died in April at the age of 94, left 244.9 billion yen (£1.11 billion) to his heirs.

Kurds held

Digne, France (AP) – Police have raided a mountain community, run by a group known as Longo Mai, and arrested several Turkish Kurds wanted in connection with two terrorist attacks in Paris.

Column stolen

Athens (Reuter) – An ancient Roman column, just over 3ft high and 4in thick, dating from the third century BC, has been stolen from near the Acropolis, police here said.

No relaxation

Singapore (Reuter) – Singapore will not abolish its tough security law, despite the surrender of the outlawed Communist Party of Malaya expected this Saturday.

Piglets perish

Morlaix, France, (AFP) – More than 3,000 pigs, most of them piglets, died when an electrical fault started a fire at a farm at Plouvorn, near here.

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PARLIAMENT

Last thing Europe needs is more rules, says Fowler

The last thing that Europe needed was more rules and regulations — a flood of controls from Brussels, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, told MPs in a debate on the European Community's social charter, which is to be discussed at the Strasbourg summit next week.

He emphasized in his speech the Government's view that the charter would lose jobs. The only question, he said, was how many jobs would go.

In response, Mr Tony Blair, chief Opposition spokesman on employment, accused the Government of bad faith. He said that it was forced to put a false interpretation on the social charter because, if people knew the truth, they might start asking why they could not have these rights.

Opening the debate, Mr Fowler said that the charter was about the kind of Europe they wanted to see.

"We believe that there is a social dimension to the European Community — and that, basically, is about the creation of jobs and the reduction of unemployment. That is the crucial issue because there are now no fewer than 14 million unemployed people throughout the Community. There is no social issue which is more important than that."

Heads of government at the Madrid summit had agreed unanimously that job-creation and development must have top priority in the completion of the single market. That was the acid test for the social charter. Would it in practice lead to more jobs and a fall in unemployment?

On unemployment, Britain had nothing to apologize about compared with the rest of the Community. Its unemployment rate of 6 per cent was substantially below the average of 9 per cent for the rest of the EC.

"This has been achieved not by restrictions but by a policy of sweeping away unnecessary restrictions and unnecessary regulations. One lesson we have learnt in this country is that businesses create jobs. They cannot be created by regulation.

"No one in the Commission — least of all Commssioner Papandreou — believes or is claiming that the policies in the charter will create jobs." She had acknowledged, in her words, that "negative effects" would "increase the cost of production".

The effect of increasing the cost was inevitably to damage employment prospects. The only question she had left unanswered was the number of jobs the charter would destroy. "It is not a question of whether jobs will go. The only question is how many will go."

Some argued that the charter was nothing more than a harmless declaration of aims. It was not. It was intended as a basis for action consisting of 43 Community instruments, including 17 legally binding directives, on hours of work, night work, holidays, rest periods and part-time and temporary employment.

There were other issues on which directives were not proposed at this stage but which were accepted as desirable European objectives: minimum wages and compulsory schemes of worker participation.

The Government could accept general health and safety regulations. But subjects such as holidays and hours of work should not be regulated from Brussels. They were areas for domestic decision.

The whole philosophy of the charter was static, not dynamic. It was preoccupied with regulating the working lives of those already in employment and ignored the interests of those who had no jobs. In its present form, it was a recipe for job stagnation, not for job growth.

"We believe in the social dimension of the Community. That is about bringing down unemployment and creating jobs. We support all sensible measures to do that and, as the Government's record shows, we have been successful in doing it."

The social charter, as it stood, did not achieve that great objective.

Mr Blair moved an Opposition amendment calling on the Government to accept and endorse the charter.

He said that their case was that the Government should endorse the charter at Strasbourg next week. It would represent an important first step towards greater rights for workers in the Community, and was an indispensable part of securing the assent of the people of the Community to the wider changes of 1992.

The Government's opposition to it undermined the interests of British employees. It characterized British isolation in Europe and profoundly damaged British interests.

The essential difference between Opposition and Government was that the Government believed that fair employment rights and practices and job creation were inconsistent, while the Opposition believed that they went together.

The Government had been driven to pretend that a divergence of principle was really only a difference of detail. What rights did they oppose in the charter? These included freedom of movement; decent and fair pay; freedom of association; equal treatment; workers' rights to be consulted; health and safety at work; protection from exploitation.

Mr Fowler intervened to say that the Government was not opposed to all measures in the charter. It was not opposed to health, safety and a whole range of proposals.

Mr Blair said that he was more interested in what the Government did not endorse, such as measures relating to the elderly and freedom of association.

No wonder the rest of the Community was aghast at the Government's attitude, because the charter could be adopted virtually verbatim by the millions struggling for freedom in Eastern Europe. The Prime Minister would be the first person on her feet asking for support of the charter if they did so.

It was ridiculous and patronizing for the Commission to describe the six million people who worked part-time in Britain as atypical, the word used in the action programme. It was time for the Commission to wake up to the fact that they were no longer living in a world where everyone worked full-time.

"What we do not want is a social charter which imposes a single blueprint, based on arrangements which have been developed in one country, on the whole of the rest of the Community."

The Government believed strongly in the principle of employee involvement. But it would continue to resist any attempt to impose on the United Kingdom forms of worker participation based on models developed in other countries.

The charter

The social charter, drawn up to develop the commitment in the Single European Act to improve working conditions in the Community, is a declaratory statement of principles from which the European Commission has proposed an action programme of specific legislation.

The charter, presented in May by Ms Vasso Papandreou, the Commissioner for Social Affairs, was revised in September in the light of British objections and discussion with other member countries, trade unions and employers. It covers working hours, the protection of children, equal pay, trade union rights, vocational education, a "fair" minimum wage and social security protection for migrant EC workers.

It has no legal force, but is intended to be morally binding on all those who sign it at the Strasbourg summit.



DENZIL McNEELANCE

Mrs Thatcher at the official start yesterday of work on the Limehouse Link tunnel, which is designed to improve access to the west side of the Isle of Dogs on the Thames. She is escorted by Mr Malcolm Eckersall, joint chairman of the group building the tunnel.

Gymnast flight 'shows misery of Romania'

FOREIGN OFFICE

The flight from her country of Nadia Comaneci, the champion Romanian gymnast of the 1970s, had proved once again that life there was unbearable, even for privileged people, a Labour MP said at questions.

Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, told him that he would see if the BBC could step up its broadcasts to Romania to help to achieve democracy. The minister also promised to press the Romanian Government strongly on every appropriate occasion about its "appalling" human rights performance.

Commenting on the escape of Miss Comaneci, Mr Paul Flynn (Newport West, Lab) said that President Ceausescu had called on the butchers of Tiananmen Square to join him in a crusade to make permanent the Stalinist gulags of China and Romania.

He urged the Government to announce a pan-European counter-crusade using the powerful instruments of broadcasting and international pressure to persuade the Romanians and encourage them on their long march to democracy.

Mr Waldegrave said that Mr Flynn had played some part already in such a crusade by broadcasting on the BBC. That had been helping to keep alive the guttering flame of freedom in Romania. He would talk to the BBC authorities to see whether more could be done on the World Service and the Romanian language service.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said that President Ceaucescu had been given 67 standing ovations during a recent speech. Was there any truth in the rumour that the Prime Minister was going to continue in office until the Tory Party conference gave that to her?

Mr Waldegrave: It is our privilege to be able to make such jokes. If only such jokes were available to the inhabitants of Romania.

● The Government is increasing its aid package to Poland to underpin the move towards democracy and to help economic reform, Mr Douglas Hurd, Foreign Secretary, announced at questions.

It was doubling the size of the Know-how Fund to £50 million over the next five years; it would contribute $100 million (£64.5 million) to a stabilization fund set up in support of the agreement between the International Monetary Fund and the Polish Government; and it would spend £15 million on a project to improve Polish food supply.

Mr John Butterfill (Bournemouth West, C) said that cash was more important than loans because Poland was already heavily burdened by debt.

Mr Hurd said that the Know-how Fund was designed for projects, which were now being examined, that would underpin Polish democracy.

Mr John Evans (St Helens North, Lab) said that Mr Hurd should not discuss trade unionism with the Polish authorities because he was likely to be told that Polish trade unions were freer to take industrial action than their British counterparts.

Mr Hurd: I would be amazed to be told anything of the kind.

Debate on the family

High divorce rate worries peers

HOUSE OF LORDS

Concern over the increasing divorce rate and its effect on children was expressed by peers from all sides when the House of Lords debated the importance of the family and the social provision for it.

Lady Ewart-Biggs (Lab), opening the debate, said that many people clung to the idea of the nuclear family of father, mother and two children but that was now untypical.

The enormous increase in divorce, which on present trends would lead to 37 per cent of marriages ending in divorce, meant that one in seven households were one-parent families. One in four children were born out of marriage.

All deplored the weakening of the traditional family, but it was important to recognize the number of single parent families as a fact and not an anomaly. Even where there were two parents, bringing up children was a hard and expensive job. Many marriages broke up under financial pressure.

The state should redistribute income from those not bringing up children to those who were. Other countries, recognizing this, had child allowances infinitely higher than ours. This Government should increase child benefit, recovering the money from those who did not need it through the tax system.

Lady Macleod of Borve (C) expressed concern that when couples separated fathers were getting a raw deal. Courts usually gave the children to the mother. But children needed two parents and would always want to see the other.

Divorce must be made far harder to get. To grant divorces after a year, as had been suggested, would be utterly wrong and encourage young people to marry without forethought.

Lord McGregor of Durris (Lib Dem) criticized the Government's intention to enforce maintenance payments. He said that those who did not pay were not rogues. Some were unable to pay because of sickness or unemployment but most were either cohabiting or remarried and unable to support two families.

The starting point for new arrangements for supporting one-parent families must be the recognition that the community had no choice but to bear the cost of marital breakdown through social policy.

The Bishop of Gloucester (the Right Rev John Yates) said that divorce was an important cause of poverty. Whatever the arguments for abolishing universal child benefit or restricting other forms of income support, there was no doubt that to be poor in our society made it more difficult to sustain family relationships.

The distaste for the dependency culture and a proper desire to encourage people to stand on their own feet sometimes resulted in inadequate funding for those who had to be dependent and those agencies that helped them.

Lady Faithfull (C) said that administrative changes were needed at government level to improve support for children and young people. Responsibility should be centralized within the Department of Health.

There should be a child and family division within the community service division, possibly headed by a commissioner.

EC idea is rejected by Maude

A suggestion from a Conservative MP that the Government should publish a list of the laws that could still be passed in this country rather than in Brussels was dismissed by Mr Francis Maude, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, during question time.

Mr Teddy Taylor (Southend East, C) calling for the list, said that laws could be passed in a democratic manner in this country, whereas the idea of direct democracy in Brussels was a sick joke.

The Government should not close the door on the sensible proposal advanced by President Mitterrand that Britain should rejoin Efta

Mr Maude said that would not be a suitable way for the United Kingdom to go. Its role was to play a central part in the development of the EC.

Procedure anxiety by MPs

Points of order rained down on the Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) after question time, including complaints from MPs about the television cameras and their possible effect on Commons procedure.

The protests began when the Speaker announced that he had rejected four applications from MPs for emergency debates and said that he wished to prevent abuse of the Standing Order No 20 procedure under which applications for such debates are made [Applications must be for debates on subjects that are specific, important, and requiring urgent consideration].

He said that 3.30pm, the time when such applications were made, was a valuable and important opportunity for backbench MPs. He was anxious to protect the procedure, which could be devalued or threatened if it were abused.

He feared that abuse could lead to new regulations being introduced to hear applications later in the day.

Mrs Ann Clwyd (Cynon Valley, Lab) said that she was among those who had applied for an emergency debate today, on the famine in Ethiopia. There was no opportunity to discuss the famine in the House, yet the people were concerned about the matter.

The Speaker pointed out that foreign affairs had been discussed last Friday, and there would be an opportunity to raise the question of the famine again during business questions tomorrow and again on Monday when there would be questions on overseas aid. The famine "would be just as serious on Monday".

Mr Andrew Faulds (Warley East, Lab) said that Mr Weatherill's quandary about the proliferation and possible abuse of applications for emergency debates could be resolved by removing "these ghastly television cameras".

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch, C) said that in "this ghastly television era" the Speaker's reference to standing orders would prove to be out of date because they would have to be completely rewritten.

They should draw up a list of traditional procedures that were threatened by the television cameras.

The Speaker said later that he examined every application for an emergency debate on merit and was bound by the criteria in standing orders.

Europe's good will 'lost by Britain'

The Prime Minister's absolutist and strident rejection of the European social charter had lost good will in the European Community and caused harm to British interests, Mr Donald Anderson, an Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, said at questions.

A far more constructive approach would be a policy of "yes, but", rather than condemnation and rejection followed by grudging concessions afterwards.

Mr Francis Maude, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, said that Mr Anderson was misguided. The Government had set out its objections reasonably and sensibly. There had been some movement in our direction, which was welcome. But it was not enough to enable the Government to sign the draft charter document.

Earlier, Mr Jeffrey Rooker (Birmingham, Perry Barr, Lab) asked which rights the Government objected to: the right to annual holidays, decent pay, arbitration to settle disputes, employee participation or health and safety?

Mr Maude said that the charter dealt with matters that should be dealt with by member states.

Sir Russell Johnston, Liberal Democrat spokesman on Europe, said that when there was free movement of labour in the EC, workers had the right to expect the same standards of treatment in each country.

Conservative MPs: No.

Mr Maude said that it was not right that an identikit set of conditions should be imposed.

Bush 'limit' on summit talks

President Bush did not intend to go beyond the present ambitious programme of conventional force reductions during the forthcoming Mediterranean summit, Mr Douglas Hurd, Foreign Secretary, said during question time.

"To do that would cause a peck of trouble in the Alliance. The President knows that and it will not happen."

He was replying to Mr David Steel, Liberal Democrat spokesman on foreign affairs, who had asked him to make clear that if the summit with President Gorbachov resulted in speedy conventional force reductions, that would be welcomed.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, said that the Prime Minister, in consultations with President Bush, had indicated that, unlike the President and Lord Carrington, former Foreign Secretary and former Secretary-General of Nato, she still believed in short-range nuclear weapons.



Mr Steel: Further reduction in forces welcome

"Who does he envisage as their targets? Are they the millions of Poles who elected a Solidarity-led Government, or the millions of East Germans who forced their way through the Berlin Wall, or the millions of Czechoslovaks who have overthrown the Government in Prague?

Mr Hurd replied that there was no difference over the comprehensive concept which laid down that first they should complete CFE (conventional forces in Europe) negotiations and then start discussions on short-range nuclear weapons, and after that, if there was a need to discuss modernization, to do so. That seemed entirely logical.

Mr Steel said that press reports, inspired or otherwise, after Mrs Thatcher's meeting with President Bush suggested that she was urging caution at the US-Soviet summit on conventional-force reductions.

Mr Hurd said that there was already an ambitious programme of negotiations on this.

Mr Patrick Duffy (Sheffield, Attercliffe, Lab) said that the way the United States was said by Mr Hurd to have consulted its allies sounded casual.

Mr Bruce Grocott (The Wrekin, Lab) asked Mr Hurd to urge on President Bush that the key reason why the world welcomed what happened in Eastern Europe was because it rejected a superpower using smaller powers as instruments of foreign policy and that, just as the Soviet Union was ceasing to treat countries of Eastern Europe as its backyard, so the United States should stop treating Central and South America as its backyard.

Mr Hurd: There is no parallel.

He said that the starting point of what had changed was the decision by President Gorbachov that Soviet troops would not intervene in Eastern Europe.

Heath launches onslaught on economic policy

QUEEN'S SPEECH

At the end of the Lords economic debate on the Queen's Speech late on Tuesday, a Labour amendment criticizing government policy towards manufacturing industry was rejected by 135 votes to 83 — Government majority, 52. A Liberal Democrat amendment urging full participation in the European Community was rejected by 132 votes to 71.

The following report of speeches during the later stages of the last day of the debate in the Commons on the Queen's Speech appeared in later editions yesterday.

The Government's economic policy, including high interest rates, came in for sustained criticism from Mr Edward Heath, the former Prime Minister, during the continuation of the debate.

He said that house buyers and businessmen were not interested in what the Labour Government had done in the 1970s or what the present Government had done 10 years ago. "What they do want to know in detail is what their future is and how they should respond to it."

Mr Heath (Old Bexley and Sidcup, C) said that he was disappointed that Mr John Major had boxed himself in on two vital aspects of policy. One was on interest rates, said to be the only way of dealing with the economy, and the second was on the matter of lower taxation.

Most observers analysing the economic situation would agree that a sudden descent to a tax rate of 25 per cent by the last Chancellor had a considerable amount to do with the present position. No chancellor until Mr Nigel Lawson had ever declared in the House of Commons that in no circumstances would he impose an increase in taxation.

Mr Major had dismissed bluntly the limitation of credit. But it was completely untrue to say that that had always been a failure. It had not. It was at times immensely effective.

The Government emphasized its repayment of debt. But these borrowings were made by their predecesssors to ensure "our future".

"Now we are boasting that we are not doing that and we are not ensuring the future of other generations. Today in this country we have the worst infrastructure in the Western world."

He described how, in the Bexley Health Authority, a woman aged 95 whose sight had gone in one eye and was going in the other had been given a hospital appointment — for June 16 1990.

"What it means is that, despite all we are doing, the general requirements of the citizen are not being met."

On privatization, he imagined that most MPs had been horrified to hear that, after the Deal tragedy, the guards (at military camps) were privatized. "To me this is totally unacceptable.

"If you are in the Army, your job is to defend yourself and not to get private citizens to do it, even in peacetime. I do not beleive this is justified. I have been even more horrified to hear of the extent to which it goes on."

It was not justifiable in a war of terrorism for the Prime Minister to say: "Don't blame us for not having a proper guard." The IRA would go for any spot they would find.

At the moment, the policies being followed by the Government were increasing inflation. It would have helped to have become a full member of the exchange rate mechanism five years ago. By listing so many conditions, the Prime Minister was saying that this country was worse than the 11 nations that had accepted the situation and joined.

"We are told that to be isolated is to be leader. I can say, in all modesty, that I must be the greatest leader of all time" (laughter).

It was obvious that most of the Government and Cabinet believed that Britain should be in the ERM. They were being held out for one reason alone, and the quicker they got in the better.

They could not tell how the remarkable developments in Eastern Europe would finish, but already the unification of Germany had arisen. He said "unification" because "reunification" immediately raised the question of going back to pre-1939 boundaries. That struck fear into the hearts of Poles and Czechs.

The only way to deal with fears about a united Germany being too dominant was a tightly bound Community. That involved Britain's taking a lead and playing a constructive part in the formulation of Community policy.

Mr Alan Beith, Liberal Democrat spokesman on Treasury affairs, said that the Government's anti-inflation strategy had been mistaken at a crucial moment when inflation had been led by too much money chasing too few goods.

Now inflation was led by wage pressures resulting from high interest and mortgage rates.

Action had to be taken to make lower interest rates possible and that would require an external framework such as was available through the European Monetary System.

Mr Alan Williams (Swansea West, Lab) said that the Government had had the unique good fortune to inherit North Sea oil — the equivalent of a balance of payments windfall of £128 billion. Yet at the end of this decade it had a balance of payments deficit of £15 billion. It was a decade of squandered opportunity.

Mr Michael Grylls (North West Surrey, C) said that in Germany and Japan small firms had a differential interest rate in recognition of their difficulties. That should be considered here.

Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab) said that people did not believe that monetary policy and profitability were the criteria by which society should be governed.

There should be a switch in the emphasis of expenditure away from defence and towards industry. Industry was as important to the country as agriculture and agriculture had never been allowed to be destroyed by the temporary movement of world prices.

Mr Patrick Duffy (Sheffield, Attercliffe, Lab) hoped the Chancellor would cut taxes, particularly those that bore on costs and prices, such as employers' national insurance contributions.

Mr Timothy Smith (Beaconsfield, C) said that towards the end of next year confidence would be restored and in 1991 there would be a sharp recovery.

Mr Graham Allen (Nottingham North, Lab) said that the Conservative Party was no longer the party of business but the party of the City and the moneylender. In the autumn statement, the Chancellor had stuck two fingers up to industry and it was time that the CBI stopped believing that this was a gesture of victory.

Dr John Cunningham, shadow Leader of the House, said that the decade ended with the economy on the edge of a debilitating recession. They would see inflation of 8 per cent in December.

Tax cuts had been swallowed up by rent and mortgage payment increases. Even the tiny minority who had benefited from the tax reductions recognized that the quality of their lives had declined.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the House, announced to protests from Labour MPs that he had come to a conclusion, despite wideranging discussions, that none of the proposals made would resolve the impasse on setting up a Scottish select committee.

A Labour amendment attacking the Government's economic policy was rejected by 328 votes to 229 — Government majority, 99, and a Liberal Democrat amendment criticizing the Government's failure to commit itself to the exchange rate mechanism was rejected by 334 votes to 23.

Children with special needs

New moves to help London children with special educational needs were announced in a Lords written answer by Viscount Davidson, Government Deputy Chief Whip.

He said that the inner London boroughs had set up the Inner London Special Education Forum to consider policy and London-wide issues concerning special education. Individual boroughs were appointing to their education departments administrative and professional staff with responsibility for such children.

Extra £4.5m for Aids fight

Britain is to contribute a further £4.5 million to the World Health Organization's global programme on Aids, Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, said.

That will bring the total committed so far to £16.83 million, he said. All countries in Africa collaborating with the WHO benefit from the contribution.

Lower bonus

If the £10 Christmas bonus paid to pensioners had kept pace with rising prices it would be £48 this year, Mr Gillian Shephard, Under Secretary of State for Social Security, said in a written reply. She told Mr David Nellist (Coventry South East, Lab) that if it had risen in line with earnings, the bonus would be £62.

CFC target

The Montreal Convention, requiring consumption of chlorofluorocarbons to be cut to half of 1986 levels by 1999 is expected to be achieved in the United Kingdom by the end of this year, 10 years ahead of the protocol timetable, Mr David Trippier, Minister for Environment and Countryside, said in a written reply.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Treasury; Prime Minister. Debate on reports from Public Accounts Committee.
Lords (2.30): Debate on White Paper, *Charities: A Framework for the Future.*

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THE TIMES PROFILE

PETER BLAKE

Peter Blake, the yachtsman leading the Whitbread Round the World yacht race, is a national hero, regarded by his fellow New Zealanders with the awe usually reserved for All Black rugby players. Blake, and the crew of 14 aboard the 84ft ketch Steinlager 2, hold a commanding 12 hour 58 minute lead over Pierre Fehlmann, skipper of Merit, the Swiss maxi.

Fehlmann, holder of the Whitbread title, and Grant Dalton the New Zealand skipper in third place, feel they are now competing for second place in the race over the remaining 19,000 miles around Cape Horn and back to Southampton, beginning on December 23. Both agree that only a dismasting or catastrophic tactical mistake can rob Blake of line honours.

But the sad truth is that the former possibility is rather more than that for a man who has a reputation for being jinxed. "He's never had lucky fingers," says Cornelis van Rietschoten, the Dutch victor of the 1977-88 and 1981-82 Whitbread world races. Lawrie Smith, skipper of Rothmans, the British Whitbread maxi, describes Blake more bluntly: "He's just not a winner, and something will go wrong for him in this race, too."

There have been successes, of course. The calm 41-year-old Aucklander with the impeccable manners is only the fourth man in history to win the line and handicap double in the Sydney to Hobart race, a 650 mile Australian ocean marathon of equal standing to our own Fastnet classic — which he has also won twice, the first time in tragic circumstances. The 1979 Fastnet will always be remembered for the gales that claimed 19 lives, and caused 23 yachts to be sunk or abandoned.

Eight years later, when he and Mike Quilter set a record for the 7,500 mile race around Australia the main opposition again came from the weather.

"Those were among the worst conditions I have ever sailed in. There were many times when I thought we would finish upside down," he says of an event that cost one life, saw four other entries wrecked or rolled, and still sends shudders down his spine.

But in the big races, like the Whitbread, where the competition is toughest, he has always finished up the bridesmaid.

In the first Whitbread race, in 1973-74, he was watch leader aboard Burton Cutter, the British maxi skippered by Leslie Williams. It won the first leg, but retired after the hull began to break up.

In 1977-78 Heath's Condor, the yacht on which he served as mate, was dismasted during the second week of the race. In 1981-82, he skippered Ceramco New Zealand, which was dismasted 140 miles north of Ascension Island. He continued, under a jury rig, to Cape Town, and went on to finish second overall. In the 1985-86 race, Blake was skipper of Lion New Zealand, a yacht built under his direction to withstand the worst conditions. It proved too heavy to be competitive, but still finished second.

This time round, he took the radical step of building the biggest, heaviest yacht in the race. Sailing in optimum conditions with the wind abeam, she carries 30 per cent more sail area than sloop-rigged rivals like Rothmans, and has proved to have a 10 per cent speed advantage.

Even so, the Blake jinx has struck already. The first yacht built for the race had to be scrapped — at a cost of £380,000 — at the fitting-out stage last year after large areas of the hi-tech carbonfibre moulded hull were found to have delaminated. Lion-Nathen Breweries, his sponsor, stumped up the cash for another hull, but The delay also cost him two months of vital preparation time and now, even he must be left wondering whether lightning can strike twice.

Cautious not to tempt ill-luck, Blake says: "This race is far from over. Anything can happen, and I won't be counting chickens until after we cross the finish line in May."

He also remembers too well the factors that cost him victory in the first two Whitbread races. "In 1973, the start was our first sail on Burton Cutter, and we were still fitting out the interior as we sailed down the Channel. Even the heads [lavatory] were not connected to the hull skin fittings, and it took a week before we realised everything was going into the bilges."

It is this played-down attitude, coupled with dogged determination, that has made Blake a hero at home — last week, he was voted "Sports Personality of the Year" by the New Zealand media — and top international name.

His skills as a seaman are equal to those of fellow circumnavigators Eric Tabarly and Robin Knox-Johnston. His crew also hold him in the highest regard, and for seven of them, this is the second or third time they have teamed up.

Lesser men, faced with Cermamco's dismasting in the Atlantic back in 1981, would have turned on the engine and motored for the nearest port, resigned to having their chances of success smashed so early in the race. But Blake — described variously as "a tremendous motivator" and "a great leader" — organized the crew to cannibalize the parts that remained to form a jury rig. They had the boat racing again within 24 hours.

They had to cover 3,700 miles, and — in what is now accepted as one of the epic voyages of modern times — Blake and his crew averaged close to 200 miles a day to reach Cape Town, the first stop-over, in time to rig a new mast and join the fleet for the start of the second stage, to Auckland.

Blake pushed the yacht to its limits, pressing Flyer, the bigger Dutch entry, throughout the rest of the race. In the process, Cermamco's won the remaining three legs on handicap, and at Cape Horn, half an hour was all that separated the two yachts. They also beat the previous best time for a fully crewed circumnavigation, despite the time lost during the first stage of the race.

Back home, New Zealand's boating-mad population hung on to every word that came crackling across the air-waves, sharing each tense experience in a race that many were later to compare with the epic battles a century before between the two tea clippers Thermopylae and the Cutty Sark.

The Ceramco campaign was sponsored by Sir Tom Clarke, one of New Zealand's leading industrialists, together with three of Blake's friends, who mortgaged their homes to fund the 68ft challenger. "The crew was paid NZ$2 a day in port," Blake says, "and the total cost of the project was less than half the cost of our sail budget for the 1988-89 race."

But then, money has never been Blake's motivation for sailing. "Crews have never had it so good," he says. "When I began ocean racing with Knox Johnston and Leslie Williams, I paid for my share of the food on-board, and the air tickets home."

"What Blake enjoys most is the adventure and camaraderie," one New Zealand journalist explains. "He much preferred the days when, if you couldn't play a hand of bridge, it was your turn to be on deck.

"But life's not like that any more. He and his rivals are now racing full-on, with the method and mentality required to win the America's Cup."

A consortium led by Clarke is considering making a NZ$20 million (£7.5 million) bid to host the America's Cup if the New York courts finally rule that the tarnished trophy should be contested in Auckland, not San Diego, in 1992.

"If the event is in my home waters, then I very much want to be involved at an organizational level, but I have no wish to move my family to America for a year," he says.

Being part of a Cup-winning team would crown Blake's sailing career, which began at the age of eight. The son of keen sailors, Blake spent all his school holidays at sea. When he was 18 he built his own 23ft keelboat, which he sailed to victory in the New Zealand championships.

He went on to study engineering, and admits to "hating every minute of it, although the knowledge has been useful ever since".

When he was 23, he came to England, hoping to find a job in a yacht design office. For Blake, there is as much joy in building a a yacht as sailing one.

Blake also thinks it is time for him to take up other opportunities. "This is definitely my last Whitbread", are words I have heard twice before. But each time, after a year spent sub-aqua diving, or learning to fly, the challenge of mastering the oceans has proved too strong to resist.

For the moment, though, Blake has the Whitbread to occupy him — and he knows that if he can keep ahead of the 23-strong fleet for the remaining 19,000 miles, the taste of success, after so many near-misses, will be all the sweeter.

Barry Pickthall

BIOGRAPHY

- **1948:** Born in Auckland, New Zealand
- **1979:** Married Pippa. Two children, Sarah Jane and James. Lives on the waterside at Emsworth, Hampshire
- **1979:** Won Fastnet Race, and again in 1989
- **1980:** Won Sydney-Hobart race, and again in 1984
- **1987:** Awarded MBE for services to yachting
- **1989:** Leading after first two stages of Whitbread Round the World Race



Time to square up to the Ring

artfile

A weekly look at the art world



Sarah Jane Checkland

Half the art trade says it has died out. The other half claims its sinister effects are crippling their business. It is time to step into the Ring, that most taboo of areas, and start cracking whips. Traditionally regarded as the most squalid art market crime of all, the Ring is the phenomenon in which a gang of dealers form a secret alliance in order to cheat the vendor.

Then, "the boys", (to use the jargon) "stand together" and abstain from bidding, while their "ringmaster" secures the bargain. Afterwards, a "knock-out" takes place, and conspirators are rewarded with "divvies" and "shareouts". Bullying and blackmail keep its members, and waverers, quiet.

Rings have a long history. Thomas Hearne, the 18th century antiquary wrote to Thomas Rowlandson, the caricaturist, commiserating with him on the low price the latter got for his library. A "Combination of Booksellers" had conspired against him, Hearne wrote.

But it was not until 1927, when a livid Lord Darling discovered his valuable horse had been sold for a song, that legal action was taken. Darling's parliamentary bill became the Auctions (Bidding Agreements) Act of 1927, thereby making rings an offence, and requiring any groups of dealers planning to bid together to inform the auctioneer. This still stands.

Since the act was passed, only a handful of prosecutions have come up. For example, in 1981 nine antique dealers were convicted at Swansea Crown Court following a video-taping exercise by the local police, and fined £500 each. That same year Agnew's was prosecuted at Bow Street after buying the Algardi bust for £165,000, and acquitted.

Now, Brian Morgan, the new president of the esteemed British Antique Dealers' Association, has made it his mission to seek reform of the law. Addressing his 400 members at the association's recent biennial banquet, and his fellow after-dinner speaker, Lord Carrington, chairman of Christie's, he said: "We are hampered by an inequitable law that does not differentiate between a conspiracy to defraud — the morally reprehensible Ring — and a sensible pooling of funds."

His argument is that because the market has become so international, with competition from all directions, rings no longer exist. Instead, he and his colleagues are hampered by the second section of the law, requiring that the auctioneer be notified of joint bidding.

With current market prices soaring, he says, such pooling of resources is the only way dealers can compete at the top end of the market. But when they spot something valuable the auctioneer has missed, he says, they find themselves "turning our hard-won experience over to the auctioneer".

Morgan cites a recent example of a pennyfarthing bicycle which was auctioned recently at Christie's Summerfield collection sale. Christie's estimate of £500 was way out; the cycle sold for £3,000.

Messenger May Baverstock, the auction house in Guildford, Surrey, is still suffering the consequences of underselling two paintings which appear to be by George Stubbs. The case comes to appeal next week.

As Morgan concludes: "Some legislative bill should be brought in to strengthen the law where it should be strengthened, and abolish it where it has become redundant."

The problem is that, even as Morgan's debate rumbles on in the pages of the *Antiques Trade Gazette*, another rages in those of *Bookdealer* magazine. According to this, the Ring is far from dead.

"Any sane person or organization has to acknowledge that wherever there is an auction there is a ring, or rings. Greed begets greed," says one correspondent; another claims some London businesses "acquire books bought by rings run by the experienced and the knowledgeable".

Finally, a letter in the current issue reads: "I have never once been to a book sale in the Birmingham/Warwickshire area . . . where there has not been a well-organised ring operating."

So, are we surrounded by rings, or are they a figment of collective paranoia? Speak up, book moles, by writing to me at *The Times*. Stand up, Lord Carrington, and improve on Lord Darling's efforts by raising the matter in the Lords. Whatever way you look at it, the law regarding rings is currently an ass.

Raising a jungle basilica to the glory of God — and the president

In the thinly populated and remote heart of a small African country a £100 million basilica, the largest in the world outside St Peter's in Rome, has risen from the jungle floor. It has been called a *folie de grandeur*, a monument to the mad pride of the president who ordered its construction, and who hopes the Pope will consecrate it in January. But, as Brian James reports, it is impossible not to marvel at "the work being accomplished in the back of nowhere, thousands of miles from the source of its main materials, a huge jungle stretch from any port or railhead, exactly in accord with a ludicrously short schedule of three years from first spade to final dusting." The stained glass windows are 10 storeys high, with thousands of shades of colour to spray the equatorial sunlight around the interior. The splendour of this extraordinary building is revealed in colour photographs by Graham Wood in the Review Section of *The Times*, on Saturday.

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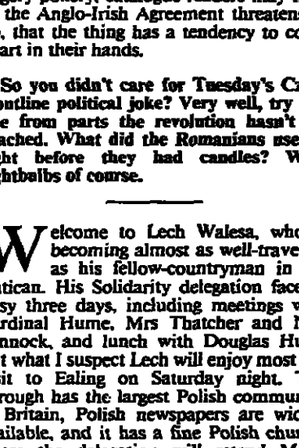
ALAN HAMILTON

Anglo-Irish relations were perilously close to coming unstuck during preparations for *The Work of Angels*, the exhibition of magnificent Celtic metalwork from the Middle Ages which opened at the British Museum yesterday. As much of the material has been lent by the National Museum of Ireland, the BM thought it politic to have both Mrs Thatcher and Charles Haughey contribute forewords to the catalogue. But when proof copies arrived in Dublin, Haughey's office took severe umbrage at the fact that the reproduction of their man's signature at the bottom of his contribution was much thinner, fainter and generally more feeble-looking than Madame's confidently iron handwriting. Such was the Irish ire that they demanded a reprint of all 5,000 copies, and sent over a much bolder example of the Taoiseach's hand. The BM capitulated, and has substituted a new page in the entire print run. However, because of all this political jiggery-pokery, catalogue readers may find, as the Anglo-Irish Agreement threatens to do, that the thing has a tendency to come apart in their hands.

● So you didn't care for Tuesday's Czech frontline political joke? Very well, try this one from parts the revolution hasn't yet reached. What did the Romanians use for light before they had candles? Why, lightbulbs of course.

Welcome to Lech Walesa, who is becoming almost as well-travelled as his fellow-countryman in the Vatican. His Solidarity delegation faces a busy three days, including meetings with Cardinal Hume, Mrs Thatcher and Neil Kinnock, and lunch with Douglas Hurd. But what I suspect Lech will enjoy most is a visit to Ealing on Saturday night. The borough has the largest Polish community in Britain, Polish newspapers are widely available, and it has a fine Polish church, where the delegation will attend Mass. Incidentally, when the delegation makes its obligatory factory visit to Hypertac in north London, I trust someone will point out that it is a subsidiary of Smiths Industries, currently the target of a strike campaign by engineering workers in pursuit of a 35-hour week. A tame little dispute by Lenin Shipyard standards, but part of the fabric of traditional British life none the less.

BARRY FANTONI



'I'm right behind Margaret, at least in the sense she was behind Nigel'

When is an aircraft carrier not an aircraft carrier? When it has to pass through the Bosporus, apparently. *Pravda* has been describing with much pride the construction of the Tbilisi, the Soviet Navy's new 65,000-ton flagship, at a yard on the Black Sea. Early reports were full of gargantuan statistics: an aircraft complement of 60, 300-metre flight deck, 200,000 hp engines, that sort of thing. Then, suddenly, an apology. *Pravda* regretted having referred to this behemoth as an aircraft carrier; it was, of course, a heavy aircraft-carrying cruiser. Doubtless the change of classification has not a little to do with the 1936 Montreux Convention, which forbids aircraft carriers of any nation from the Bosporus. And from the Black Sea, as we all know, there's no other way out.

News to gladden the Thatcher heart. Last week William Hill were offering 2-1 against someone else leading the Tories into the next election. Within the last 48 hours, the odds have lengthened to 6-4. Hills are also offering even money that the first Briton in space will be a woman. The two wagers, I should say, are entirely unconnected.

Every time I visit a supermarket the process of shopping becomes more technological and baffling, with bar codes replacing price tags and card-reading tills replacing the old practice of handing over money. Naturally, these gismos have a tendency to go wrong. I hear from America of an electronic bar-code reader which rejected one of the purchases of a Midwest shopper. "You don't happen", asked the cashier, "to remember the price?" "As a matter of fact," said the customer, "I do. It's thick line, thin line, thin line, thin line, thick line, thin line, thin line, thin line."

Why I am challenging Thatcher

by Sir Anthony Meyer

Since 1975, the annual election of the leader of the Conservative Party has been an empty ritual. At a time when even East European ruling parties are submitting their leaders to proper elections, it is scarcely extraordinary that the Conservatives, should, for once, hold a real election to decide whether they want to continue under the present leader.

Margaret Thatcher's achievements have been outstanding. It is vital that they should be preserved: that Britain should no longer be at the mercy of trade union bosses, that inflation should not be allowed to run riot, and that Britain's good name should no longer be trailed in the mud.

But is Mrs Thatcher the best person to safeguard her own splendid achievements? I think that the answer is no.

She has achieved the virtually impossible feat of winning three elections in a row. She now seems convinced that she is invincible as well as infallible. Perhaps she can go on leading the Tory party to a fourth, a fifth, even a sixth election victory in the early years of the next century. Perhaps she can continue to govern the country with only the scantest regard for the views of her cabinet colleagues, her party, and the public. She has done it before, and been proved right. May she not be right again?

There are two problems. At each successive victory since 1979, the Conservative Party has had a smaller share of the popular vote. And the huge Conservative victories in 1983 and 1987 were due largely to the seven or more million votes for the centre parties, most of which were taken from Labour. In 1992 the Tories will face virtually a straight fight with Labour.

Labour will be an opponent with shiny new policies, of questionable durability, but with real visual appeal, because it has managed to marginalize its far left. And, to be fair, it has some frontbenchers of real talent. With a different leader, it would be formidable indeed.

Moreover, the note which the Labour Party is striking is more closely in tune with the popular mood, not just the temporary whims of the electorate, than the note which Mrs Thatcher is striking for the Tories. In 1979, the country was fed up not only with socialism but with the seemingly endless retreat of Conservative governments before the tide of collectivist ideas. People wanted to keep more of the money they earned, and to spend it where they wanted, instead of having it wasted by inefficient public bodies. Mrs Thatcher's government cut taxes, and nearly everyone's standard of living rose.

But in 10 years the rich have become very much richer while some of the poor, (and still more of the near-poor, pensioners with savings) have become very little richer. Some are actually poorer, and some of the rich have bad consciences, especially when the poll tax will make them richer still. How can so rich a society treat its war widows so meanly?

What is more, the rich, even more than the poor, are finding that they cannot buy some of the things they want, such as clean air, better schools and hospitals, better roads, punctual trains and clean streets. They want higher public expenditure, even if it does mean no more tax cuts. Many people now have a gut feeling that there should be more expenditure on public services, and they sense, correctly, that Mrs Thatcher still feels that this money would be filched from the taxpayer and somehow wasted.

People look across to mainland Europe and see bigger pensions, better roads, schools and hospitals, trains that run on time, clean streets. There are good things to be had from Europe. Why does Mrs Thatcher so obviously dislike it?

It is her distaste for everything that emanates from the EC that has pushed me from hesitation into a conviction that I should provoke a leadership election if no one else will. And that is why such an election is necessary now, when crucial decisions about Europe are about to be taken.

Never has Mrs Thatcher's insistence on the retention of every scrap of national sovereignty seemed so dangerously unwise. It is foolish to whip up popular dislike of an organization to which we must belong (for there is nowhere else for us to go).

But there is a graver matter. Listening to Mrs Thatcher on *Panorama* on Monday, one would have supposed that matters such as German reunification could be dealt with by procedural discussions, and that all that is happening in Eastern Europe is a belated discovery of Thatcherism. The truth is far graver; and she does not seem to understand it any more than she understands what the electors in Britain are trying to tell her.

Germany will be reunified whatever anyone says. Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union are going to break up into smaller nation-states. Only a blind fool would view this with equanimity. An unrestricted free-for-all of fully sovereign states will produce dangerous chaos and border conflicts. The only way to stop that, the only safe haven for a united Germany, is a closely integrated Europe, modelled on the European Community, in which each nation voluntarily accepts limitations on its sovereignty, including the compulsory settling of disputes by a properly constituted court.

This concept is utterly alien to Mrs Thatcher. It is not just that she dislikes it. She cannot understand it. And it is vital to the survival of us all.

And so, because I believe that Mrs Thatcher will find it much harder to win the next election than would another Conservative leader, because I believe that her policies are out of tune with the feelings of the British people, that her European policy is disastrous, and that she intends to press on with them, I have decided to exercise the right of every Conservative MP to force a leadership election. If the party wants to press on down this road, let it at least do so with its eyes open, not tightly closed like those of the Gadarene swine.

Let my Conservative colleagues be quite clear. If they do not take this opportunity, there will not be another.

Bernard Levin considers no punishment too harsh for East Europe's ousted leaders

Puppets in need of stringing up



Biblical scholars have long and often contended over the emphasis in Hebrews 10:30, "Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord." Should the stress be on "me" and "I", where it would mean that retribution is reserved to God and is no business of man, or does it indicate, by putting the emphasis on "vengeance" and "will" (which broadens the otherwise strictly divine copyright), that the Lord wants retribution to fall upon those who have earned it, and is not particularly concerned as to who should carry it out?

St Paul, of course, has it both ways, and anyway it is hardly for me to act as Jehovah's interpreter, but my argument today does stand, I think, independent of exegesis. For it would surely be as hard for God as for man to leave unpunished the crimes against man and God alike that have been committed, year upon year, decade upon decade, cruelty upon cruelty, injustice upon injustice, evil upon evil, in the lands of the Soviet empire, now at last unfastening themselves from their chains.

Before I discuss the question of crime and punishment, I must join the general and heartfelt celebrations for the most extraordinary happening of all the extraordinary happenings now unfolding daily in the Western marches of the Soviet empire, which is the speed of the disintegration of East Germany and the even greater speed with which the Czechs have moved to overthrow their evil viceroys. No one can predict exactly how it will end, and there are certainly great deserts of danger for both nations to cross before they reach the promised land of freedom and, for Germany, unification; the collapse of those twin tyrannies, however, has been almost as abrupt as the overthrow in 1974 of the Portuguese dictatorship, which took place in a single night, without a shot being fired. (For me, one of the most glorious sights of our world was, on the morrow of Portugal's freedom, the soldiers patrolling with red flowers in the mouths of their guns.)

From the moment of Honecker's fall, it was clear to all those who had served evil that the jig was up: Gorbachov was not going to send in the Red Army, and the indigenous troops, knowing that bloody and instant justice would be meted out to them if civil war broke out, at once became unreliable.

Oh, what a fall was there, my countrymen! The scramble for safety among the halls of wickedness has been wonderful to behold, as Krenz and Asamec and similar rubbish try to distance themselves from the thing they so long served and battened off. (I accidentally typed "battoned" off, and might well have left it like that.) Why, the German quislings have actually expelled Honecker and his wife from the party, an action without parallel since the French judges at the end of the Second World War sentenced Pierre Laval to death for collaboration while Hitler's money still jingled in their pockets.

It will spread, of course, as the fetters are broken; all over the empire the rats will hurriedly don the uniform of the ratcatchers. And for a time, it will work, if only because Gorbachov might change his mind, or be obliged to. But sooner or later, the cleansed states will have to decide what they are going to do about those who collaborated with the Soviet tyranny. Voices will be heard pleading for lenience; admirable advice, perhaps, when it concerns the small fry, but are the big fry to profit from a general amnesty?

Surely not; the traitors who sold their peoples into slavery, most of them not even ideologically motivated, but just ordinary criminals bent on rich pickings, cannot be allowed to go free. If they were to, it would mock the dead, and spit again on the living.

Come, let us name names. Of all communism's victim nations, the Poles suffered the greatest agony. Clemency is all very well, but the surviving traitors have no shadow of a claim to it. I believe Gierek is still alive; for 11 years he ruled Poland for his Soviet owners, and his abominations, which had not the slightest connection with ideology, only self-protection, embezzlement and fear of retribution, would have broken the heart of any other land. Such a man, after a fair trial (the only one he will ever have seen) should be imprisoned for life, with no possibility of remission or amnesty.

Don't speak to me about pardon; pardon for such criminals would be almost a crime in itself. And Gierek's treason was almost trivial compared to that of Jaruzelski and *his* band of thieves. The worst of that crew is surely Jerzy Urban, with his smart clothes bought from the loot of his own depredations, his witty cynicism for those in freedom whom he wants to impress, his Swiss bank accounts, his pretensions to culture, and, above all, his measureless, continuous blackguardry in the suppression of Polish freedom. Urban, the Polish equivalent of Ribbentrop (who also cultivated fools outside his country), should not only spend the rest of his life in jail, but should spend it breaking stones.

And the Czechs? In some ways their proconsuls have been worse than the Polish traitors. Those, after all, demanded of the Poles only that they should not resist evil; apart from beggaring their subject peoples, the quislings rarely harmed or persecuted those who were willing to conform or just to fall silent. But the Czech traitors demanded far more; they insisted that the Czech people, if they were to escape persecution, had to denounce, actively, the freedom and hope of the Czech Spring of 1968, and anyone refusing to do so was marked for vengeance, and suffered it. I have been a lifelong opponent of capital punishment, but if the liberated Czechs were to hang Husak publicly in Wenceslas Square it would be no more than justice.

Throughout the dying empire the pattern is the same; even the Bulgarians, thought to be frozen for ever in the ice of communist dominion, have seen their own tyrant fall, and great was the fall thereof — so great, indeed, that voices have already been heard demanding his arraignment for the high crimes and misdemeanours he has been guilty of. So it was, *mutatis mutandis*, throughout the whole of the Soviet empire, and so it should be when emancipation is complete. And there is good and exact precedent to hand: the Nuremburg trials.

Although the Nazi murderers certainly deserved their fate, and indeed were sentenced for their crimes, the trials had another, quite separate, purpose, an entirely salutary one. The world had to be told that crimes such as these would, in the fullness of time, meet condign punishment; the trials and the sentences announced that though the mills of justice grind slowly, they grind exceeding small.

So let it be throughout the lands of the Soviet empire, now that self-determination is in sight. How fine should be the net used to bring in the criminals will be debated: the small fish will probably (and perhaps rightly) slip through, though certainly those who fired on Germans trying to climb over the Wall should bear a very heavy punishment. But these are details to be settled when emancipation is complete, and settled by those who suffered, and by them alone. After all, their brothers' blood crieth unto them from the ground, and that cry must not be ignored, especially in the name of a clemency which was not extended to those who suffered.

A manifesto for Labour

Ronald Butt believes it cannot win on existing policies

In 1963 everybody wanted to know Harold Wilson. Industrialists and men in the City, newspaper editors and ambassadors were lining up to make the acquaintance of the man increasingly seen as the next prime minister. In the end it came as rather a surprise when Labour edged into power with a majority of only four — a salutary reminder that political cups slip from lips very easily.

Labour won its victory partly because the moderates were in the ascendant, partly because Wilson had formidable presentational skills, and especially because the Tories were paying the price for the hung-over climate of disillusion from the final Macmillan years. But the basis of its victory was that it was offering the country a government whose broad political ethos and programme (equality and strength through planned growth) commanded widespread support, most importantly among the thinking middle classes. It spoke in the intellectual fashion of the time. I doubt that it does so now.

A wind has lately been blowing with gale force against Mrs Thatcher, her style of government and some of her recent policies. But the decisive factor, when the election comes, will be whether the voters trust Labour to deliver the society they want. Will the prevailing wind be with Labour, as in 1964?

There is no sure sign of it so far. It is true that Labour's opinion poll lead of between 10 and 13 points over the Tories is evidence of increased positive support. If it were purely a matter of protest against Mrs Thatcher, some of that swing to Labour would have gone to the centre parties.

There is also clear evidence that the public increasingly favours Labour on a number of issues: an income tax top rate of 50 per cent to reduce the rate for people on low incomes, higher spending on health and other public services.

Yet despite the Government's economic troubles, a majority still think that Labour would not manage the economy as well as the Tories, remain distrustful of its defence policies and fear that the unions would again dominate a Labour government. The durability of Labour's moderation is regarded sceptically.

So despite the anti-Thatcher wind among many opinion formers (especially in the universities), there is nothing like the dominant anti-Tory, pro-Labour intellectual fashion of 1963-64. The majority of voters still identify with the kind of society at which the Conservatives aim — a well-defended nation, a growing and inflation-free economy, no union domination and modest taxation.

Mr Kinnock now espouses market forces and emphasizes that Labour's spending programme will be kept within what can be afforded. But it is far from clear how Labour would pay for its spending programme with minimum tax increases. Nor is there any clarity (as there at least seemed to be in 1963-4) about how it would stimulate economic growth.

Since it has had to abandon its detailed schemes for a socialist planned economy, it has had on offer little more than the vague idea of a Medium Term Industrial Strategy to create "the conditions in which winners can come through", more training, and ideas for assuming control of privatized industries on terms which still seem likely (despite Mr Kinnock's efforts to explain away Bryan Gould's explanations) to damage those who invested their money in good faith, including small savers.

Labour must accept that it has a future only if it builds on Thatcherism, giving up its socialist preconceptions. It should abandon its plans for reversing the Tories' trade union reforms. But it could offer a German-style industrial participation in the workplace, based not on unions but on secret ballots for individuals.

In economic management, it should make clear how it will pay for its social spending and try to show convincingly how it would work with financial institutions to fend off private sector credit-generated inflation, without total reliance on interest rates. It must be honest about the level of its social spending. It should abandon all plans to renationalize what has been privatized and deal with any worries about the performance of these industries through the existing regulatory bodies.

It should not abolish the poll tax but make it equitable by a proper distinction between what can fairly be financed by a flat-rate charge for genuinely local spending and the services which are really national, such as education, which should be financed by taxation through the Exchequer.

It should give up its mad egalitarianism, not least in its campaign to get rid of independent schools, and even promise to bring something of the old grammar school principle (which helped so many Labour people) back into the state sector. It should not try to be more "European" than Mrs Thatcher at the expense of the British Parliament.

Jettisoning its socialist hang-ups, it should accept that the clock cannot be put back. I think I could write Labour a manifesto more likely to fit the climate of the time than any it can produce for itself. There is a large element of national opinion which is seriously and deeply critical of the Tories and would like an alternative. But, in contrast to 1963-64, Labour is far from being its natural spokesparty.

Jolly jockey tricks at school



CLEMENT FREUD

The girl with spiky platinum hair pushes a switch on her grey console and says: "Andy Peebles Show canielpu?" Her face registers surprise. "Your name, sir? Well Desmond, there are a lot of other calls in front of you so if you will give me your number I may call you back when there's a gap." She jots down the number and mouths the word "creep".

I am learning to be stand-in host of a phone-in programme. Next week I will be Andy Peebles, and if you live in BBC areas London, Oxford, Cambridge, Kent, Sussex, Essex, Bedford, Norfolk or Northampton, you can ring me betweeen 10pm and midnight; whether or not you get through will depend on platinum spike or one of her friends who monitor the calls and afford protection from those who wish to trespass against me.

"Andy Peebles Show canielpu? What question did you want to ask? Can I have your name? Will you turn down the volume of your radio?" And in the studio, if the caller is deemed suitable, the name and particulars will be flashed up on a green screen for my consideration: Harvey from Barnes wants to talk about lawnmowers on line three. It is then up to me to decide if I will speak to Harvey from Barnes ...and of course up to Harvey whether he will actually ask me about lawnmowers.

I went therefore to see Mr Peebles in action while the show's producer talked me through it from an adjoining studio. On the stroke of ten he says — as I will be saying — "Here is the news." When it is over and the last Beazer Homes Double Glazing Cup first round replay result has been announced, there remains only one hour and 57 minutes. I will present the menu: "Tonight my guests are...and they have done...and they will talk about ...and we might discuss fire-alarms in launderettes after what happened today in Chigwell; here is a gramophone record."

Peebles, who drives himself (technical term for putting compact discs in the right player and pressing the correct knobs), chooses his own music then lights a cigarette. If you ring me, I shall not be smoking, and a girl called Ann will do the heavy work with the control panels and record selection. I shall be concentrating on announcements and the interviews and point to my screen to tell Ann that I want to take Xerxes from Tooting on line four rather than Bernadette from Sevenoaks or Mary from Kilburn.

Now you — and I too, before my instruction period — thought that any old duffer could host a phone-in programme; that may be true, but a *good* host has to have all sorts of skills; he is expected to have read, or at least glanced at the blurb of, the book whose author he is to interview. He must have an instinctive feeling of how the conversation is going: 70 per cent them-talking to 30 per cent of you-asking-questions is about right. If it is a disaster, there are a number of alternatives to saying "You are a washout; I will now read extracts from the Book of Exodus." You can play a record or, if it was really bad, several. You can announce the time or ask people to ring you. "But remember," said the producer, "you may not get anyone ringing in, so don't make it obvious that you depend on them; say something like 'if anyone feels they might like to let us have their views — though it is quite hard to get through — the number is 224 2000.'"

Peebles has by this time played two records and mentioned Terry Wogan. He introduces his first guest, who has written a book on etiquette; he gives a brief synopsis. The author turns out to be a tower of strength; apparently the younger generation is keen to know that you wear a grey silk cravat with a morning coat and that you don't boast about acquisitions: if you have a Roller outside, you say, "I must go and move the car"; let them see the Rolls Royce when you drive away. That would have made me play six records. Peebles coped brilliantly and after 20 minutes of animated conversation about formal invitations and the Royal Family, he gave the magic telephone number and very soon after that he was talking to Geoff from Hitchin who said that he and his late wife found that disorganized parties were best.

The etiquette woman agreed with him absolutely, entirely; if the party is spontaneous you don't have to tidy up, put away the newspapers or do slum clearance... And she gave a merry laugh. So did Peebles. I shan't.

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PRAGUE'S SECOND SPRING

The end of the Communist monopoly of power in Czechoslovakia and the promise of free elections ends the first phase of Prague's autumn revolution. To the most interesting question – how much further things will go – there is still no answer.

On Tuesday the party secretary, Mr Karel Urbanek, made clear that the reform programme had its limits. The party would not oppose structural change or the creation of a pluralist democracy. The dismantling of the party's business interests, however, the disbandment of its armed People's Militia and the disposal of its buildings were not open for discussion.

The party in Czechoslovakia is in retreat. But it is retiring in relatively good order, giving ground but remaining very much in contention. It resembles a tug-of-war team which, though being pulled along against its will, has so far managed to keep its footing.

One reason for this is that the mood among the country's dissidents has been not so much anti-Communist as anti-Soviet. They were Communists, after all, who followed Alexander Dubcek 21 years ago – reforming Communists maybe, but party members none the less. Anti-Soviet sentiment in the country generally has been directed against Stalin and those who came after him. The Czechs do not see Mr Gorbachov as standing in that succession.

There has also clearly been an awareness among the more moderate Czech Communist leaders of the growing technology gap between East and West. The Czech economy is stronger than many others in the Soviet bloc, but it still needs Western input to succeed. While the first inclination of Prague's hard-line leaders was to resist the rising clamour for reform, there existed a second echelon of politicians who saw the need for fundamental change, and who were certainly not disposed to settle for anything less than Soviet-style *perestroika*.

The infectious restlessness that has swept through Eastern Europe this year therefore found in Czechoslovakia a population which wanted reform rather than revolution and a number of relatively realistic politicians who could themselves see the arguments for change.

If as now seems likely, the Supreme Soviet in Moscow shortly passes a formal resolution denouncing the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia, the reformers would have the satisfaction of knowing that it was they who had driven the last nail into the coffin of the Brezhnev doctrine of limited sovereignty. That would be a signal addition to their already impressive array of battle honours.

An article in *Pravda* earlier this week which welcomed the fall of Urbanek's predecessor, the Stalinist Milos Jakes, voiced almost unreserved approval of the reformists who were taking over in Prague. While praising the maturity of Prague's army of protesters, it encouraged the new leaders of the party, like Mr Urbanek, to listen to them and to harness their energies in the interests of the country.

The praise lavished on these new "perestroikans" was well deserved. Men like Vaclav Havel have shown great political sense and professionalism, and Civil Forum appears to have an admirable cohesion. They should, however, be under no illusions about how much there still is for them to do and about the determined nature of the opposition they are likely to encounter from the old guard.

Mr Urbanek has been arguing strongly against emulating the Polish model, maintaining that in Czechoslovakia there could be no return to capitalism. What the protest movement has in mind is a Western style of socialism with Austria as the most often quoted model. The party leaders are likely to dig their heels in at a very early stage down that road. The reformers will have to strain every sinew to keep up the momentum they have so far achieved.

VATICAN AND KREMLIN

When historians come to analyse the transformation of Europe by the peaceful revolutions of 1989, they could do worse than begin with the election of a Polish Pope in 1978. It renewed the will for freedom in the proud and faithful Polish people, who of all Europeans had most courageously defied the grim doctrines of Marxist Leninism.

The infection of freedom has now spread far beyond Poland itself, and history has delivered its riposte to Stalin's wartime sneer – "How many divisions has the Pope?" Tomorrow morning Stalin's successor several times removed will be received by Pope John Paul II.

In the vacuum left by the bankruptcy and decline of Communist ideology, Mr Gorbachov has little choice but to ally himself with the more ancient forces of moral order in all those societies for which he has some responsibility. And so a *rapprochement* between the Kremlin and the Vatican has become necessary for the peace of Europe.

The survival of religious faith is not the least of communism's failures, and the attempt to suppress it has been the cause of some of its greatest crimes. That record pulls against President Gorbachov's efforts to control the forces he has unleashed, not just in the Baltic states but far more seriously for the peace of Russia itself, in the Ukraine.

It is clearly the intention of the Soviet authorities to allow the legitimization of the Ukrainian Catholic Church soon. It officially ceased to exist when Stalin ordered its forced amalgamation with the Russian Orthodox Church as punishment for its allegedly pro-Hitler sympathies in the war. Its members subsequently suffered from the periodic waves of repression directed against all forms of religious observance in the Soviet Union, but even so the experience failed to weld it into the whole. Ukrainian Catholics merely regarded themselves as doubly oppressed, both by communism and by orthodoxy.

This presents the Soviet Government and the Holy See with a common problem of extreme delicacy. The Russian Orthodox Church has shown little inclination to give up its position in the Ukraine, and there is still the ghost of a separate Ukrainian orthodoxy for it to contend with.

President Gorbachov may be prepared to tolerate religious freedom in the Soviet Union as a strand in his policy of *glasnost*, but it will not be easy given such intricate political complications. He will need a strategy agreed in advance with Rome. He will also have to be prepared for some very straight talking with the Orthodox Patriarchate in Moscow.

President Gorbachov should acknowledge that what Stalin did to the Ukrainian Church must now be undone. Such property as was confiscated and given to the Russian Orthodox must in principle be returned. It is the Soviet President's misfortune that the spirit of ecumenism, which has brought such dramatic results in the West, has advanced rather less between catholicism and Russian orthodoxy.

The Pope can offer in return his great moral authority and influence to assist in the management of such changes without their becoming a threat to civil order. With its rights at last acknowledged, the Ukrainian Catholic Church has to be prevailed upon from Rome not to insist on its pound of flesh.

Once it is free, the Ukrainian Church will also have to be careful not to become a focus of atavistic and militant Ukrainian nationalism. It is Ukrainian, but it is also Catholic. It has national responsibilities, but it has universal responsibilities, too. A promise to stress this wider perspective is what Mr Gorbachov will most want to hear in the Vatican.

If he is bold, he will risk inviting the Pope to deliver the message in person. Their interests, in the Ukraine and in the whole of Eastern Europe, are now the same – the careful management of the historic developments flowing from the rediscovery of freedom.

President Gorbachov and Pope John Paul II meet for the first time during a remarkable period in history. They are natural allies in the construction of a better world.

GREAT WAS THE FALL

For Mr Gandhi, the result of the Indian general election has been devastating. Five years ago, he led his party to its greatest electoral triumph. This week he has presided over its second worst disaster. Since the campaign developed into a virtual referendum on him, the outcome is a bitterly felt rebuff. He resigned as Prime Minister yesterday, and appeared in his brief television broadcast to be contemplating a period of opposition.

Although the opposition parties collectively command a majority, they remain individual groupings, and none has secured a mandate for government. Their satisfaction is therefore tempered by the realization that only an alliance of convenience encompassing Communists and Hindu militants could produce an administration. It is not certain that this is what the electorate had in mind in turning its thumbs down on Congress.

More broadly, the result represents the determination of the Indian voter to hold all politicians to account. The length and breadth of the country, ruling parties were defeated – the Congress Government in Delhi, opposition administrations in provincial capitals. It was a judgement on their performance and, with the exception of the Communists in West Bengal, they were found wanting.

Popular wrath seems to have been directed most strongly against two prevailing traditions in Indian politics. The first was corruption. The Bofors scandal eroded Mr Gandhi's credibility at the centre, but less publicised allegations of impropriety also took their toll of Mr Rama Rao's administration in Andhra Pradesh, Mr R. K. Hegde's ambitions in Karnataka and Mr Devi Lal's pretentions in Haryana.

No less striking was the dismissal of political gimmickry. Mr Rama Rao was the wizard of commercialized politics. His dress, his speeches and his acting were all designed to magnify his personality and captivate the voters by recreating the Hindu god image of his films. It did not come off, and he even lost one of the two seats he was personally contesting.

The new political map is intriguing. At first glance, there is a stark north-south divide. Congress won more southern seats than ever before, but was reduced to a rump in the north. The opposition, by contrast, swept the north but secured a bare handful of seats in the south. In each instance where a southern bastion fell to Congress, however, the regional party was also defeated. National politics is no longer a phenomenon confined to the north. Regionalism, at least temporarily, appears to have been checked.

The north, however, saw the emergence of communalism. The elections took place against a background of inflamed Hindu-Muslim relations. Both the Congress Party's performance and that of the Hindu-dominated Bharatiya Janata Party reflected the vitiating effect of this. The former, in an attempt to appease both communities, jettisoned its traditions and failed. The latter stuck to its pro-Hindu orientation and won almost 40 times as many seats as in 1984.

India will now have a coalition government of some description, and attention is focused on backroom manoeuvres as both Congress and the National Front vie to be the first to be called by the President. This is his prerogative, although the Indian Constitution is silent on how precisely it should be done.

If Mr Venkataraman were to choose to call upon the leader of the largest party, Mr Gandhi would still be his man. If he opts for the person most likely to command a majority in the Lok Sabha, it will be Mr V. P. Singh. If established parliamentary practice is followed, and on a pragmatic interpretation of the results, Mr Singh should be given the first chance.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Which path for UK in Europe?

From Mr Aubrey Jones

Sir, Mr Leolin Price (November 24) shows himself to be ill-briefed when questioning whether a "strong" European Community is "to be a United States of Europe, in some form of federation".

The late Jean Monnet, the founding father of the Community, made his thinking abundantly clear. He had two preoccupations. First, he was concerned about the political and economic weakness of Europe, a weakness which he saw as stemming from the fragmentation of Europe into so many sovereign states.

Second, he was convinced by his inter-war experience of international organisations operating under the rule of unanimity that a Europe which remained a congeries of sovereign entities was incapable of overcoming this weakness.

What then to do? He set out his ideas in a series of speeches later published. Here are some extracts, the translation from the French being my own.

There have . . . to be new institutions, in which the countries of Europe fuse part of their sovereignty, these institutions taking into account the common European interest and taking their decisions under the democratic control of the European Parliament elected by universal suffrage.

As for the United Kingdom,

I have said and I repeat that we shall consider the association of England with Europe as an essential condition for the success of Europe; but this association has to be based on a reality [i.e., the partial transfer of sovereignty] and this reality has to exist.

Monnet also foresaw the events of our own day.

While we shall pursue together the unification of Europe, we shall also continue our effort to reunite in a peaceful manner the Germans of the Federal Republic and those of the East.

When, under the leadership of Mr Edward Heath, the United Kingdom joined the European Community, she set her foot by implication on a federating path. The next milestone on that path proved to be the passage of the Single European Act, in which the United Kingdom agreed in certain fields to abide by the majority decision of the Community countries and to strengthen the European Parliament.

Still to come, in 1992, is the single European market. I have heard nobody contend that the single market can be other than a "good thing". It is extremely doubtful whether it would have been possible without the federal push.

The federating implication of the Community is fully grasped both on the European Continent and in the United States. It is a singular tragedy that in the United Kingdom, as Mr Price's letter shows, it is even now scarcely apprehended.

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Banknote signature

From Lord O'Brien of Lothbury

Sir, Being the oldest surviving former Chief Cashier of the Bank of England, whose signature was the last to appear on the well-loved white fiver, may I venture to correct Mr Bernard Levin (article, November 27).

Sir John Bradbury was never Chief Cashier of the Bank of England. He was Permanent Secretary at HM Treasury and his name appeared at the beginning of the First World War on £1 and 10 shilling notes issued in a hurry by HM Treasury, no such Bank of England notes being then in circulation.

I, like Mr Levin, much deplore the use of the expression "pee" for pence.

Yours faithfully,
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Claim to fame

From Mr Henry G. Button

Sir, Sarah Jane Checkland (report, November 25) mentioned the Elizabethan poet Sir John Harington. He is one of the men portrayed in the oriel window of the dining-hall in Christ's College in the mistaken belief that he had been a student there.

Harington's particular claim to fame is that he invented the water-closet, in 1589. He described his invention in a book published in 1596 entitled *The Metamorphosis of Ajax*.

Yours faithfully,
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Scope for fraud against EC budget

From Dr Roger Levy

Sir, Rather than simply an accounting or criminal problem, fraud against the Community budget (Spectrum, November 20-22) shows how little advanced the cause of European integration is in practice. The major obstacles to better budgetary control are essentially maintained through the pursuit of national interest by the member states.

In this connection, it is important to distinguish between fraud (a straightforward and wilful deception), and irregularity (a plausible if inaccurate interpretation of the rules). Member state authorities are not averse to defending interpretations of the rules which suit "their" nationals and tax bases, as they do, for example, in the process of clearance of accounts which takes place between the Commission and member states.

Member states, via the Council of Ministers, have held the door open to fraud for years. Despite repeated requests from the Commission, the Parliament and the Court of Auditors, the council has blocked reform of those CAP (common agricultural policy) product markets most open to abuse, created and sustained schemes which encourage fraud and failed to give the Commission the necessary legal powers to prosecute fraudsters.

There are other factors of course. Existing rules give national authorities little incentive to prosecute fraudsters, as the amounts involved will be deducted from future payments by the Commission. This is reflected in the level of reporting of fraud to the Commission, which even in the case of the most assiduous reporter (West Germany) amounted to less than 0.3 per cent of the total it received in 1986. But as the Parliament has noted, courts have treated fraud against EC funds as less serious than fraud against national government funds.

In a game where a majority of the players are net financial beneficiaries, reform of the system is extremely unlikely. Indeed, even net contributor states may consider that they have more to lose than gain. For the general consequence of better control will be to raise VAT revenue going to the Commission and reduce payments going to the member states.

Bold action at the political level is needed. Either thorough-going reform or abolition of the CAP, or complete monetary union would provide a tremendous step forward for budgetary control. Neither is very likely. In the meantime, the Commission must content itself with improving its data base and helping national customs authorities to enforce the rules better.

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Computer misuse

From Mr John Beggs and Mr Jeffrey Chapman

Sir, By omitting to implement the recommendations contained in the Law Commission's Report on Computer Misuse (Law Com. No. 186), Cm.819, the Government is effectively saying that hacking, the destruction of computer data and certain international-based frauds will continue to be perfectly legal pursuits.

It appears that Douglas Hogg, the responsible minister at the Department of Trade and Industry, has persuaded Nicholas Ridley that legislation to combat these problems would be "too complicated and too time-consuming"; an extraordinary reason for not legislating and one which hitherto has seldom if ever deterred this Government.

All major users of computer systems, whether stockbrokers or multi-nationals, charities or academic institutions, will undoubtedly feel badly let down by this failure to act.

We remain, Sir, your obedient servants,
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From Dr Stephen Castell

Sir, An urgent and effective solution to the "gap in the law" hacking conundrum is desired by everybody (leading article: "Computer Burglars", November 23).

I suggest, however, that Mr Ridley's reluctance to (en)act this parliamentary session is actually a much-needed outbreak of common sense, giving pause for weighty reflection on the central issue: the need for computer systems and operational practices properly capable of forensic scrutiny, delivering undoubted evidential reliability.

Without this, the concept of a provable "offence" of "computer misuse" is likely to be untenable, and Mr Ridley – I would suspect well advised by the Home Secretary – by now knows this.

And it is simply not true that ". . . if a hacker is found out, there is no legislation under which he can be prosecuted": some considered legal opinion maintains that hacking cases thus far – as with any embryo development of legal dispute – have been inadequately argued. There is, indeed, already a good case for recommending *less* legislation concerning "the computer", not more.

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Racism and rights

From Ms Jo Richardson, MP for Barking (Labour)

Sir, Robert Kilroy-Silk (November 24) accuses me of publicly endorsing a "discriminatory, anti-woman policy". I don't know where he got his idea that I endorse the view that Muslim women should not have the same civic rights as their white sisters. I have never said such a thing.

What I do recognise is that the cultural and religious differences in the Muslim community mean that Muslim women have additional barriers to those of white women, and that they must be enabled to overcome these barriers in their own way.

The policies that he describes as racist are in fact simply positive actions to help establish basic rights. In the case of Haringey's plans for sheltered housing for people from the black and ethnic minority communities, these are for the many who have found themselves at the bottom of the heap in housing, in employment and training, in education and in many other fields.

I suppose that in the same context he would condemn women-only training courses – another form of positive action to give women the chance to become confident in new skills – as sexist.

Yours faithfully,
JO RICHARDSON,
House of Commons.
November 27.

Elephant slaughter

From Mr Isaias Samakuva

Sir, In reply to Ray Kennedy's report "Elephant massacre claim" (November 20), Unita has not killed "vast herds of elephants to finance its war effort"; on the contrary, on taking over territory it has endeavoured to discourage local populations from indiscriminately killing elephants and condemns those who indulge in slaughtering the animals for profit.

We support the current initiatives to ban the trade in ivory and endorse the Convention on International Trade and Endangered Species (CITES) efforts to place elephant on the endangered species list. We believe that if drastic measures are not taken then the elephant may well disappear from the African continent.

Yours sincerely,
ISAIAS SAMAKUVA
(Unita representative, London),
3 Clifford Street, W1.
November 22.

Alternative medicine

From the President of the Faculty of Homoeopathy

Sir, May I reinforce the point made today (November 24) by the President and Chairman of the Confederation of Healing Organisations.

Homoeopathy, practised in its true form by doctors who have first qualified in ordinary medicine and then taken a postgraduate course under the auspices of this Faculty, is not alternative to conventional medicine, but complementary to it.

To quote your article of November 13, "Anyone can open a clinic and practise as a homoeopath". The dire consequences of that state of affairs are seen all too often by medical practitioners who must attempt to remedy the additional ills which afflict the unfortunate patients of such "homoeopaths".

The safest way to enjoy the benefits of homoeopathic medicine is to consult those practitioners who hold the qualification MFHom or FFHom. These are the only homoeopathic qualifications recognised by Act of Parliament and are held solely by qualified doctors.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID SPENCE, President,
The Faculty of Homoeopathy,
The Royal London
Homoeopathic Hospital,
Great Ormond Street, WC1.
November 24.

All change

From the Managing Director of London Underground Ltd

Sir, May I add an historical perspective to recent correspondence on Underground station names (November 1, 4, 14).

Many existing names are a product of history: the District Railway was first in the City for example, and adopted the name "Mansion House" before what are now the Central and Northern lines arrived at Bank. A similar anomaly existed for many years at Embankment/Charing Cross and was rationalised only a few years ago when major rebuilding presented the opportunity.

We will, in all probability, use the similar opportunity now existing in the City to adopt a single name for the Bank/Monument complex, as suggested by David Harvey (November 14). We would certainly consider renaming Mansion House if there was an obviously better alternative. Perhaps your readers could offer suggestions – preferably with the potential for the £100,000 or so costs involved to be met from outside sponsorship, as was the case recently at Surrey Quays.

Any change at Shepherd's Bush (J. D. Gravell, November 4) would be because two separate stations share the same name, but we have no current plans to change, and people seem to manage without difficulty.

The Rev Ivor Scott-Oldfield pointed out (November 14) that Bayswater Station is in Queensway and Queensway in Bayswater Road. Equally, Bayswater is in Bayswater and Queensway in Queensway, so there is no inconsistency. Again, the basis is historical, the then Metropolitan Railway having got there first.

Yours faithfully,
DENIS TUNNICLIFFE,
Managing Director,
London Underground Limited,
55 Broadway, SW1.
November 22.

Campaigns for needy groups

From Mrs Edwina Currie, MP for Derbyshire South (Conservative)

Sir, Your leader of November 24 suggested a payment of "at least £100,000" to all haemophiliacs infected with the Aids virus, irrespective of their financial status. It is a pity you were unable to welcome the substantial sums, now £29 million, already made over by the Government to assist these unfortunate people. Calls for more, ever more, may lose them both sympathy and understanding.

We appear to be on the verge of claiming that people should get very large *ex-gratia* sums from the State just because they are sick. So what about asthmatics, who also can't get insurance, or epileptics who can't get a job involving driving? Why not a £50,000 payment to every blind person, or £75,000 to those with multiple sclerosis, sickle-cell anaemia, and Guillaume-Barré syndrome?

Where does it stop? The answer, of course, is that is why we have a social security system. It currently pays out over £1 billion per week and is the most generous in the world. That is the system we should turn to, not set up alternatives which are necessarily arbitrary and often unfair to others.

Am I alone to have uneasy feelings about these emotional campaigns? I feel for the war widows. I feel for the war disabled, who have not been mentioned, and for those not in uniform who were also killed and injured during the war – my constituents working in the war factories and mines, for example. Campaigns for one group, however worthy, are like spectacles with only one lens – they are bound to give a distorted view and create further anomalies.

Maybe we should simply try to look after all widows, particularly the very old, a lot better. Now there is a campaign I could support.

Yours faithfully,
EDWINA CURRIE,
House of Commons.
November 24.

Care of war disabled

From Mrs Celia Fenton

Sir, Your editorial of November 23, "A time to remember", raises another concern – namely, the wives, like my mother, who have cared for husbands for the past 40 years or so, who became incapacitated as a direct consequence of the war.

These men got war disability pensions and other State care allowances which die with them. The women have not been able to work because they are "carers" and will be faced with the prospect of living on the State pension.

Surely the State should make allowance for them after so many years of devoted care – not to mention the money saved by the health service by caring for their husbands at home.

Yours sincerely,
CELIA FENTON,
7 Downfield Road,
Clifton, Bristol, Avon.
November 23.

Organ removal

From Mr John Pike Mander

Sir, The Wilkinson organ in Preston Public Hall, referred to by Mr Bicknell in your report ("Battle to save royal concert organ", November 24), is far from on the point of being demolished and is in fact now in safe storage, having been moved by my company over the past few weeks. This work was carried out in co-operation with the British Institute of Organ Studies.

The apparent condition of the organ in the ballroom at Buckingham Palace does indeed give cause for concern. It was our company, as one of the leading in the organ restoration field in this country, which prepared the 1975 report and estimated the cost of restoration at between £12,000 and £14,000, not a six-figure sum as suggested.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PIKE MANDER,
N. P. Mander Ltd
(Pipe Organ Builders),
St Peter's Organ Works, E2.
November 24.

Hardly House-proud

From Mr R. J. Mehta

Sir, It was shocking to see the floor of the House of Commons littered with pieces of paper while watching the proceedings of the House on the TV yesterday. Aren't the honourable members expected to set an example to the nation?

Yours truly,
RAJNIKANT J. MEHTA,
18 Leigh Court,
Byron Hill Road,
Harrow-on-the-Hill,
Middlesex.
November 24.

After you . . .

From Mr Dominic E. Walsh

Sir, Your City Diary today (November 29) mentions a report on how long most of us spend doing things like eating, queuing and doing the housework.

I have worked out that if I live to 70 I will have spent around two months holding doors open for people. Is this time well spent, or am I a victim of my own good manners?

Yours faithfully,
D. WALSH,
2 Josephine Close,
Lower Kingswood,
Tadworth, Surrey.
November 29.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 29: Mr Anthony Durant, MP (Vice-Chamberlain of the Household) was received in audience by The Queen and presented an Address from the House of Commons to which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to make reply.

His Excellency Mr Svetozar Rikanovic was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Mr Branko Brankovic (Minister Counsellor), Dr Milisav Stankovic (Minister Counsellor, Economic), Dr Milan Tepavac (First Counsellor, Head of Consular Section), Mr Nikola Misljenovic (Counsellor, Press and Cultural Affairs), Commander (SG) Zlatko Jazbinsek (Defence Attaché), Mrs Dragana Ivanovic (Second Secretary) and Mr Milan Zivkovic (Attaché, Economic Affairs).

Mrs Rikanovic was received by The Queen.

Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Air Marshal Sir James Rowland had the honour of being received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Governor of New South Wales.

Mr P R Fearn was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Madrid.

Mrs Fearn was received by The Queen.

The President of the Republic of Korea visited The Queen and remained to Luncheon.

The Duke of Gloucester was present.

The following had the honour of being invited: His Excellency Ho-Joong Choi (Minister of Foreign Affairs), His Excellency Seung Soo Han (Minister of Trade and Industry), His Excellency the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea and Mrs Jay Hee Oh, Mr and Mrs Lawrence Middleton and Sir Patrick and Lady Wright.

Her Majesty invested The President of the Republic of Korea with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George.

A Guard of Honour, found by The Queen's Guard, 1st Battalion Irish Guards, was mounted in the Quadrangle.

The Major General Commanding Household Division and the Field Officer in Brigade Waiting were present.

The Queen this afternoon visited the Watermen and Lightermen's Company at Watermen's Hall, London EC3.

Her Majesty was received by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir Hugh Bidwell) and Mr J G Adams (Master, Watermen and Lightermen's Company).

A Guard of Honour was found by the Bargemaster, eight Watermen, the Swan Keeper and five Swan Uppers.

Subsequently, The Queen met Freemen and members of the Company and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Hon Mary Morrison, Sir Robert Fellowes and Squadron Leader David Walker were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Captain Malcolm Edge (Deputy Master of Trinity House), at the Memorial Service for the Viscount Runciman of Doxford which was held in St Clement Danes, Strand, today.

The Prince Edward this evening presented the British Cinema Advertising Awards at a dinner at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, London.

Major William McLean was in attendance.

The Princess Royal this evening attended the Presentation of the Torch Trophy Trust Awards at Simpson (Piccadilly), London.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 29: The Prince of Wales held a reception for the Norfolk Churches Trust.

The Princess of Wales opened an extension to the Children's Hospital, Western Bank, Sheffield.

Subsequently, Her Royal Highness visited the Sheffield Family Service Unit, 88 Upper Hanover Street, Sheffield.

Later, The Princess of Wales opened the Doncaster Leisure Park, Doncaster, South Yorkshire.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson, RN were in attendance.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Dinner and Entertainment held in aid of the Keats-Shelley Memorial Association at the Italian Embassy, Grosvenor Square.

The Lady Juliet Townsend was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester this evening attended a concern at Kensington Central Library, London, W8, on the occasion of the Centenary of the Library.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 29: The Duke of Kent, President of the Business and Technician Education Council, this morning visited the College of Further Education, Chatham and then visited Mid Kent Scientific Services Laboratory, Snodland. His Royal Highness this afternoon, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, visited Target Technology Ltd and Alfred Reader & Co Ltd, Teston and later, as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, attended a Freemasons' meeting in Canterbury, Kent.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Captain the Hon Christopher Knollys.

The Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord High Chancellor, Others present were:

Mr Ian Beer, M Bernard du Chaffaut, Lord Cockfield, Dr Dickson Mabon, Mr Elwyn Elledge, Sir Alistair Frame, M Denis Goguet-Nyegaard, M Raphael Hadge-Lebel, Prof Fred Holliday, M Philippe Hustache, M Frederic Isoard, The Earl of Lauderdale, James McKinnon, Prof Peter Moore, M Pierre Mousset, Mr Mark Sheldon.

Dinners

Keats-Shelley Memorial Association
Princess Margaret attended a dinner in aid of the Keats-Shelley Memorial Association held last night at the Italian Embassy. The guests were received by the Italian Ambassador and Signor Biancheri and the Hon Mrs Olga Polizzi, chairman of the association's appeal.

David Dixon
Mr David Dixon, Chairman of Elf UK plc, was host at a dinner at Brooks's Club last night. The guest of honour was the Rt Hon

Service luncheon

The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment
Major-General C.T. Shortis, Colonel of The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the St Ermin's Hotel.

Meeting

European League for Economic Co-operation
Lord Rippon of Hexham, QC, Chairman of the British Section of the European League for Economic Co-operation, and Lord Ezra, deputy chairman, presided at a meeting held yesterday at the Midland Bank, Poultry, EC2. The Hon Francis Maude, MP, Mr Rodolfo Bogni, Mr Anders Bjorck, Mr Gian Luigi Giola, Dr Thomas Klestil and Mr Sven Erik Svedman were the principal speakers.

SCIENCE REPORT

The incredible shrinking deer

The idea that evolutionary change can sometimes be extremely rapid receives dramatic support this week from a report in today's issue of *Nature* (vol 341, pp 539-542).

Adrian Lister of the University of Cambridge shows that Ice Age red deer marooned on the island of Jersey evolved into a dwarf form in less than 6,000 years. Each pint-sized deer weighed only a sixth as much as a normal full-grown red deer.

Islands around the world have often hosted odd dwarf forms of mainland creatures: pony-sized elephants once lived on Malta. But what makes the new work special is that Lister has been able to exploit the unique geology of the Ice Age to time how long it took for the dwarf deer to evolve, and so observe evolution in action.

The climate of the past two million years has been very cold for most of the time. British November weather notwithstanding, we are currently living in the middle of a rare warm spell, or interglacial, that has lasted for just over 10,000 years.

The last interglacial, known as the Eemian (from the locality of Eem in the Netherlands whence sediments of that age were first described) lasted about 11,000 years, between about 126,000 and 115,000 years ago. This period was much warmer than today; hippos wallowed in rivers as far north as the Tees, and the fauna of Eemian London would not have been out of place in modern East Africa. The Jersey deer come from Eemian sediments approximately 121,000 years old.

The accuracy of these dates comes, in part, from an increasing refinement in dating Ice Age sediments, and research about how the level of the sea has fluctuated during the Ice Age. Sea level during cold stages was much lower than in the intervening interglacials, because much of the planet's water was locked up as ice in glaciers. Today, a sea level drop of just 8 metres would be enough to connect Jersey to France at low tide, so the island has been a mere peninsula for all but a few short episodes in the past few hundred thousand years.

Red deer little different from the modern type have been living in Europe for at least 400,000 years, and 238,000-year-old fossils of full-sized deer have been found in Jersey. But the fact that distinctive dwarf red deer lived on Jersey during the subsequent Eemian interglacial implies that the island must have been cut off by the sea long enough for animals marooned there to evolve into a distinct form.

This evolution must have been extraordinarily rapid, because Eemian Jersey was cut off for less than 9,000 years. Lister's dwarf deer, from Belle Hougue Cave on the island's north coast, lived in the middle of this period, and Lister calculates that the dwarf form must have evolved in less than 5,800 years – 6,000, to be on the safe side.

This story lends weight to some models of how species evolve. Small populations cut off from the mainstream tend to evolve rapidly into new species, distinct from the large, ancestral population. Unfortunately, no Jersey dwarf deer are alive today, so researchers cannot judge whether they were sufficiently different from other red deer to constitute a new species: they became extinct when Jersey was again linked to the mainland at the end of the Eemian period.

They could have been eaten by mainland predators, have succumbed to competition from other herbivores, or have interbred with mainland red deer. Or they could have continued to shrink until, like *The Incredible Shrinking Man*, they disappeared altogether.

Henry Gee

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Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit the British Red Cross national headquarters, 9 Grosvenor Crescent, SW1, and will present The Queen's Badge of Honour to Countess Mountbatten of Burma at 11.30.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Turning Point, will attend the premiere of *When Henry met Sally* at the Odeon, Leicester Square, at 8.00.

The Princess Royal will visit the RNLI national headquarters and depot at West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset, at 10.45; as President of The Missions to Seamen, will attend the St Andrew's Day "Harvest of the Sea" civic service at Poole Parish Church at 11.30 and will be entertained at luncheon in the church centre. She will visit the Missions to Seamen Yuletide Market at the Hinton Firs Hotel, Bournemouth, at 1.50; and will open the new Design Centre at King's School, Bruton, at 3.00.

The Duke of Kent, as Colonel of The Scots Guards, will attend the 1st Battalion Old Boys' dinner at the Stafford Hotel, SW1, at 7.45.

The Duchess of Kent will open the St Margaret's School building at the Tadworth Court Children's Hospital, Tadworth, Surrey, at 11.00; and, as Colonel-in-Chief, will attend the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards Officers' Regimental dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club at 7.45.

Princess Alexandra will launch the new harbour and coastal tug for the Alexandra Towing Company at the shipyard of Richards, Great Yarmouth, at 10.30.



The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Right Rev Dr William McDonald, on a visit to London, chatting with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, in the gardens of Lambeth Palace yesterday.

Highgate School

The Mallinson Sports Centre was opened yesterday by the Secretary of State for Education and Science, the Right Honourable John MacGregor, OBE, MP.

Luncheon

National Portrait Gallery
The Prime Minister, The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher, was the Guest of Honour at a Luncheon given by The Rt Hon Viscount Whitelaw, CH, MC, at the National Portrait Gallery on November 29, 1989, at which the Gallery's Development Plan and Appeal was launched. The guests included:

The Marquess of Anglesey, Mr Nicholas Baring, Mr Roger Bramble, Sir Hugh Casson, Mr Robin Catford, The Reverend Professor Owen Chadwick and Mrs Chadwick, The Lord Charteris, Mr Derek Coombe, Mrs Susan Crosland, The Duke of Devonshire, The Viscount Eccles, Mr John Fairbairn, Mr Christopher Gibbs, Professor Margaret Gowing, Lord Gowrie, Lord Grade, The Duke and Duchess of Grafton, Mr Roger De Grey, Professor Brian Griffiths, Mr Charles Hambro, Dr John Hayes, Mr Charles Henderson, The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe, MP, Dame J Jenkins, Sir Emmanuel Kaye, Mr Henry Keswick and The Hon Mrs Henry Keswick, Mr Martin Landau, Sir Hugh Leggatt, The Rt Hon Richard Luce, MP, Mr Charles McVeigh, Mr Rupert Murdoch, Sir Eduardo Paolozzi, Mr Charles Pepwell, Dr John Roberts, Mr Gerald Ronson, Mr Jacob Rothschild, Lord St John Fawsley, Mr Bruno Schroder, The Lord and Lady Sieff, Mr David Thomson, Mr Robert Thornton, Mr Vannie Treves, Mr John Tusa, The Rt Hon John Wakeham, MP, Mr Geoffrey Wakeling, Lord Weidenfeld, Lord Wolfson.

Birthdays today

Mr Ivor Bulmer-Thomas, writer, 84; Miss Diana Cotton, QC, 48; Mr George Duffield, jockey, 43; Mr D.W. Fry, physicist, 79; Sir Victor Goodhew, former MP, 70; Mr Gary Lineker, footballer, 29; Mr Radu Lupu, pianist, 44; Lord Parry, 64; Miss Marguerite Porter, ballerina, 41; Sir Stanley Rees, former High Court judge, 82; Mr Max Reinhardt, publisher, 74.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Andrea Palladio, architect, Padua, 1508; Sir Philip Sidney, Penshurst, Kent, 1554; Jonathan Swift, Dublin, 1667; Theodor Mommsen, historian, Garding, Germany, 1817; Mark Twain, Florida, Missouri, 1835; Sir Winston Churchill, prime minister 1940-45, 1951-55, Blenheim Palace, 1874.

DEATHS: Marcello Malpighi, physiologist, Rome, 1694; Oscar Wilde, Paris, 1900; Edward John Eyre, explorer in Australia, Tavistock, Devon, 1901; Wilhelm Furtwangler, conductor, Baden-Baden, 1954; Patrick Kavanagh, poet, Dublin, 1967; Sir Terence Rattigan, dramatist, Hamilton, Bermuda, 1977.

OBITUARIES

WALTER HOVING

Rigorous stewardship of Tiffany's



Walter Hoving, the uncompromising head of Tiffany & Company from 1955-80, who rescued the world famous jeweller from the brink of collapse and built it into a $100m business, died in Newport, Rhode Island, on November 27 aged 91.

A demanding task master, Hoving insisted that the Fifth Avenue shop retain its rigorous standards, which included a ban on silver plate and diamond rings for men.

It was he who, when requested by President Kennedy in 1962 to provide 32 Lucite calendar momentoes to the close aides who had worked with the president during the Cuban missile crisis, responded simply: "We don't sell plastic." But Tiffany's got the order anyway – to make the momentoes in silver.

A tall, impeccably tailored man, Hoving was a conservative who was not shy to express his views on taste outside his shops. He battled successfully to block a plan to put a cafe in a corner of Central Park but lost his fight to prevent Fifth Avenue being made one-way.

He was guided by a deep faith in God, a conviction which led him to break the no-silver-plate rule for the only time in his career when he ordered small pins with the legend "Try God".

Hoving was born in Stockholm on December 2, 1897, the son of a surgeon and an opera singer. At the age of five, his parents took him to the United States, where he attended high school in New York and earned a bachelor's degree from Brown University in 1920.

In 1924, after a series of jobs, he entered the merchandising business in which he was to make his career, taking a trainee position at R. H. Macy & Company, the retailer. He was an instant success and by the age of 30 became a vice-president. At the same time, he cultivated his taste for the arts with courses at the Metropolitan Museum of Arts on such subjects as painting, old silver, textile design and furniture.

In 1932 he joined Montgomery Ward & Co as vice president and then moved to Lord & Taylor in 1936, where he served as president until 1946. Thereafter he founded the Hoving Corporation, whose properties came to include the Bonwit Teller department store until it was sold in 1960.

After buying control of the ailing Tiffany's in 1955 he emptied the store of everything he did not like in a giant sale, the first in the shop's history. The faltering shop regained its prestige under his stewardship, and grew from a $7m to a $100m six-shop chain. Tiffany's was acquired by Avon Products in 1979, and Hoving resigned the following year as part of a series of management changes resulting from the takeover.

Hoving's marriage to Mary Osgood Field ended in divorce in 1936. His second wife, Pauline Vandervoort Rogers, whom he married in 1937, died in 1976. He is survived by his third wife, the former singer and actress Jane Pickens Langley, whom he married in 1977, and a son and daughter by his first marriage.

LORD SAINT BRIDES

Envoy to rebel Rhodesian regime

Lord Saint Brides, PC, GCMG, CVO, MBE, formerly Sir Morrice James the senior official who conducted the preliminary talks when the Wilson Government was seeking a solution to the Rhodesian problem after the 1965 unilateral declaration of independence, died on November 26 in southern France, aged 73. He had also served as High Commissioner to both India and Pakistan and to Australia.

As Sir Morrice James he travelled three times to Salisbury to convey to the Smith regime the British Government's terms for a compromise solution and laid the basis for the face-to-face talks Mr Wilson, as he then was, had with Ian Smith first aboard the cruiser Tiger in December 1966 and then aboard the Fearless in October 1968.

In the end no agreement could be reached, but the skilled efforts of Saint Brides later earned him the rare honour for a professional diplomat of being made a Privy Councillor. After serving as High Commissioner to Pakistan from 1961 to 1966 and to India between 1968 and 1971 Saint Brides went on to be High Commissioner to Australia until 1976.

Saint Brides, a Royal Marines colonel during the Second World War, possessed acute mind and during his diplomatic career, particularly in the Indian sub continent, acquired the reputation of an able negotiator and would-be peacemaker.

John Morrice Cairns James was born on April 30, 1916, and educated at Bradfield College, Brasenose College, Oxford, and the Sorbonne. He joined the old Dominions Office in 1939 but soon was called up, serving first as an ordinary seaman in the Royal



Navy. In 1941 he transferred to the Royal Marines and saw action in the Middle East and Sicily.

He began his experience of the sub continent in 1952 when he was posted as Deputy High Commissioner in Lahore and later held the same post in Karachi, then still Pakistan's capital.

Back in London in 1957, he was Assistant Secretary of State in charge of relations with India and Pakistan before being sent out as High Commissioner to Pakistan in 1961.

While there he helped bring about the settlement of the Rann of Kutch dispute between the two neighbours who were, nonetheless, to go to war in 1965.

The posting as High Commissioner to India followed his period in London concerned with the Rhodesia question as a Deputy Under Secretary of State, and then Permanent Under-Secretary, at the Commonwealth Office.

In Delhi Saint Brides had initially to face a certain hostility for many Indians resented the Kutch award and were suspicious of a senior British official who had already worked in Pakistan.

After he retired from the Foreign Service St Brides was very active lecturing on international affairs at various United States universities. In 1977 he was created a life peer, taking the style and title of Baron Saint Brides, of Hasguard in the county of Dyfed.

He married, firstly, in 1948 Elizabeth Piesse, who died in 1966; in 1968 he married Geneviève (Jenny) Sarasin, who now survives him with two daughters and a son from his first marriage.

CLIFFORD DAVIS

Clifford Davis, the television critic, has died at the age of 72. He had been suffering from cancer.

He first wrote about television, in its embryo years before the Second World War, for the *Daily Sketch*. During the war he served with the Army Broadcasting Service. He joined the *Daily Mirror* in 1947; he became its television editor eight years later.

During the 1970s he became known to a wider public as a judge in the ATV talent show, *New Faces*, gaining a reputation for his scathing assessments of young performers.

He was three times dismissed from the show, once for using it to publicise a book. On the second occasion he was reinstated because of his personal association with the head of ATV, Lew Grade. When he finally left he wrote a series of exposés for his newspaper.

As the presenter of a lunchtime interview programme in the 1950s, Davis claimed to have invented the term "chat show" as an alternative to the American "talk show".

He was born on January 6, 1917, and educated at Worcester Cathedral Choir School.

While ITV was being established in 1954 Davis acted a go-between for Lew Grade, who was seeking the Midlands franchise, in his dealings with the Independent Television Authority.

An accomplished conjurer who billed himself as the Gay Deceiver, Davis was a member of the Magic Circle and performed in theatres and on television.

He is survived by his wife, Roseanne Chapman, a television publicity officer he married five days before his death, and a son ofhis first marriage.

Marriages

The Hon J.E.M. Vaughan and Mrs S.C.J. Cooper
The marriage took place quietly in London yesterday of the Hon John Vaughan, son of the Earl and Countess of Lisburne, of Cruglas, Ystrad Meurig, Dyfed, to Mrs Sandra Cooper, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.H. Thomson, of Kemback House, Cupar, Fife.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Beshlie McKelvie, Selina Kleinwort, Olivia Eckersley, John Prince, Emily Ramsay and Thomas Greenall. Mr Rupert Skrine was best man.

A reception was held at The Mall Galleries and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr R.D. Kleinwort and Miss L. Shand Kydd
The marriage took place yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, of Mr Richard Drake Kleinwort, son of Sir Kenneth Kleinwort, of London, SW7, and of the late Lady Davina Kleinwort, to Miss Lucinda Shand Kydd, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Shand Kydd of London, SW6. The Rev J.A. Barrie, Chaplain to the Household Division, officiated.

Mr A.G.D. Forbes and Mrs C.S. Hodgson
The marriage took place quietly on Thursday, November 23, between Andrew Forbes and Wendy Hodgson.

Mr E.S.C. Garner and Mrs L.R. Northey
The marriage took place on Tuesday, November 7, in Durban, of Ted Garner and Lynette Northey.

Forthcoming marriages

The Earl of Northesk and Mrs C.L. Heimann
The marriage will take place at the end of December between the Earl of Northesk and Brownie, widow of Carl Heimann.

Mr T.J.S. Barker and Dr N.J. Birtwistle
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Brig E.H. and Dr S.E. Barker, and Nicola, daughter of Mr B.H. Birtwistle, of Grange-over-Sands, and Mrs S.E. Birtwistle, of Lothersdale.

Mr V.R. Coombes and Miss G.A. Baily
The engagement is announced between Vaughan, son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Coombes, of Knowle, Solihull, West Midlands, and Gillian, daughter of County Councillor and Mrs Cyril Baily, of Aughton, Ormskirk, Lancashire.

Mr D.J. Eades and Miss F.C. Porritt
The engagement is announced between David John, son of Wing Commander and Mrs Gerry Eades, of Louth, Lincolnshire, and Felicity Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Porritt, of Bowdon, Cheshire.

Mr J.D.B. Cox and Miss N.E. Sterry
The engagement is announced between David, son of His Honour Judge Edward and Mrs Cox, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.W. Sterry.

Mr A.R.C. Finn and Mrs S.A. Fitzpatrick
The forthcoming marriage is announced between Arthur Rex Colthup Finn, of Hopebourne, Harbledown, Canterbury, Kent, and Sheila Ann Fitzpatrick (nee Stuart), of Appletree Cottage, Reach, Cambridge.

Mr M.R.A. O'Bryen and Miss S.M. Chapman
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs C.M. O'Bryen, of Kensington, London, and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Chapman, of Mill Hill, London.

Mr P.J. Wilkinson and Miss A. Caldwell
The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs John Wilkinson, of Woking, Surrey, and Anne, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs James Caldwell, of Hemmingford Abbots, Cambridgeshire.

Memorial services

Viscount Runciman of Doxford
The Duke of Edinburgh, Master of Trinity House, Admiral of the Royal Yacht Squadron and Master of the Shipwrights' Company, was represented by Captain Malcolm Edge, Deputy Master of Trinity House, at a memorial service for Viscount Runciman of Doxford held yesterday at St Clement Danes, The Strand. The Rev W.J.D. Sirr officiated. The Hon Sir Steven Runciman, CH, brother, read the lesson and Viscount Runciman of Doxford, son, read extracts from *The Faerie Queene* by Edmund Spenser, *Urne Burial* by Sir Thomas Browne and *On Sailing the Sea* by Hilaire Belloc. Sir John Nicholson gave an address. Others present included:

Viscountess Runciman of Doxford (daughter-in-law), the Hon David Wallace Runciman, the Hon Lisa Runciman and the Hon Catherine Runciman (grandchildren), the Hon Lady Lyell (sister), Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs E L Stuckey, Mr and Mrs Christopher Watson, Dr Ann Shukman, Miss Clare Shukman, Mr and Mrs David Shukman, Mr Michael Pooley, Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, MP, and Lady Lyell, Mrs Nigel Tully, Mrs Gordon Guthrie, Mrs Elizabeth Carr, Mr Huw Stevenson, Mrs Douglas Affleck, Miss Amanda Affleck, Mrs W Runciman, Lady Anderson.

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Sir Leonard Smith
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Leonard Smith was held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-Fields. Canon Geoffrey Brown officiated, assisted by the Rev Charles Earle and Canon Norman Kendall who led the prayers. Lord Pitt of Hampstead, Joint President of the British Caribbean Association, and Mr David Steel, MP, read the lessons. Mr Dennis Joss, Chairman of the Booker Pensioners' Association, gave an address. The Bishop of Chichester pronounced the blessing. The Leader of the Social and Liberal Democrats was represented by Lord Tordoff. Among others present were:

Lady Smith (widow), Mrs Jill Cornish and Mrs Diana Gwilliam (daughters), Richard Cornish, Miss Nicola Cornish and Robert Gwilliam (grandchildren).

The High Commissioners for Jamaica and Grenada; Lady Pitt of Hampstead, the Rev Lord Beaumont of Whitley, Lord Banks (president, National Liberal Club) with Mr Stafford Challis and Mr Terence Gleed-Richards (vice-chairmen), Mr David Owen-Jones (chairman), His Honour Granville Slack (chairman of the trustees) and other members of the club; Lady Hunt of Tanworth, Lady Robson of Kiddington, Lord and Lady Grimond, Lord Stodart of Leaston, Baroness Seear (Deputy Leader of the Social and Liberal Democrats, House of Lords), Mr and Mrs Jeremy Thorpe, the Hon Kenneth Lamb, the Hon Maureen Robson, Sir David Hill-Wood, Sir Michael Caine (chairman, Booker), Sir Nigel Fisher and Lady Fisher (chairman, Women Caring Trust) with Dame Sheilagh Roberts (patron) and other members of the trust; Sir Hugh Jones, Sir Russell Johnston, MP, Sir John and Lady Wilson, Sir Peter Parker, Sir Edwin Arrowsmith (Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind).

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BIRTHS

ELLIOTT - On November 25th, to Jeanie (née Rawlence) and Peter, a daughter, Rachel Jeanie, a sister for Clare.

GARDINER - On Tuesday November 28th, to Louise (née Leverkuehn) and Ian, a son, Angus Paul Ritchie.

GILL - On November 28th, to Sue (née Downs) and Robbie, a daughter, Emily Clare, a sister for Georgina.

HOOPER - On November 21st 1989, to Catherine (née Milne) and Timothy, a son, Michael Milne.

JOHNSTONE - On November 28th 1989, to Zara (née Pratt) and John, a son, Harry Andrew.

KITCHING - On November 10th 1989, to Caroline and Nigel, a son, Fergus Adrian, a brother for Alexandra and Juliette.

LANGDON - See Packwood.

MUIR - On November 29th, at the Royal Buckinghamshire Hospital, to Jane (née Houghton) and Andrew, a daughter, Helen Sarah, a sister for Alison.

MUSGRAVE - On November 28th 1989, to Barbara (née Pattman) and Gavin, a son, James Peter.

PACKWOOD - On November 15th 1989, in Rochester, to Penny and Charles, a son, Jack Langdon, a brother for Marianne.

PEEK - On November 21st 1989, to Melanie (née Waterson) and Richard, a son, Timothy Grenville.

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BENDIT - On November 29th 1989, Fanny Olive Victoria, peacefully, in her 93rd year. Much loved aunt, great aunt and great great aunt. Cremation private.

BURTON - On November 27th, Peter Ray, much loved father of Alex and Vicki and dear brother of Peggy. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Monday December 4th at 3.30 pm. Please no flowers, donations to Cancer Research.

CHAPLIN - On November 25th 1989, Colonel John Bruce (Charles) D.S.O., O.B.E., in hospital. Family funeral has taken place. No letters please.

CHAPMAN - On November 23rd, Ivy Phyllis S.R.N., peacefully aged 89, at Coulsdon. Funeral Croydon Crematorium at 11.30 am on December 5th. Donations to charities.

CURTOYS - On November 28th 1989, in hospital after a long illness bravely borne, Joanie, aged 53 years, dearly beloved wife of Peter and mother of Mark and Julia. Funeral Service will take place at Gloucester Crematorium on Thursday December 7th at 3.30 pm. Family and nurses only please, no flowers by request, donations in lieu may be sent to The Ermin House Trust Fund, Horton Road, Gloucester, GL1 3PX.

DAVIES - On November 27th, after a short illness, Kathleen Ada, much loved mother of Barbara and the late Anne and grandmother of Sallie, Virginia, Melanie and Nicola and great-grandmother of Richard. Funeral Service will be held at St Nicholas Church, Islip, at 2 pm on Tuesday December 5th. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research. Funeral Directors R.V. Mallett, 124 Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford.

DEARDEN - On Monday November 27th, Seton Hedley, aged 84 years. Beloved husband of Bridget. Funeral Service at St Bartholomew's Church, West Witton, on Monday December 4th at 2.15 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

EDMONDSTON - On November 28th 1989, suddenly at Normansfield, Teddington. Bridget Ann, aged 63, dear sister of Elizabeth.

GARNON - On November 12th 1989, in Birmingham after a short illness, Kathleen, devoted wife of Joseph Abel and much loved mother of Tom, Derek and Faith and grandmother to Daniel, Charlotte, Emily, Matthew, John and Roy. Burial took place on Friday November 17th at Handsworth Cemetery, Birmingham.

HOWE - On November 26th 1989, after a long illness bravely borne, Frank, beloved husband of Marjorie and much loved father of John. Funeral at St Mark's, Whiteley Village, Walton-on-Thames, Tuesday December 5th at 11.40 am. Enquiries to F.W. Chitty & Co., Weybridge, tel: (0932) 842220.

JACKSON - On November 24th 1989, Katherine M., of Walberton, Sussex. Younger daughter of the late Mr & Mrs Sidney Jackson. No service. Donations if desired to R.N.L.I., West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset.

LAMBERT - On November 28, suddenly but peacefully, Mabel Joyce, eldest daughter of the late Hugh Biddulph and Mabel Ellen Lambert, fortified by the Rites of the Catholic Church. Funeral Service at St Joseph and Padarn Church, Salterton Road, Islington, on Tuesday December 5 at 11.45 am.

MABBITT - On November 27th, peacefully in hospital, Kenneth Richard F.S.A., aged 90 years. Very dear husband of Christine, father to Josephine and Rosemary and grandfather to Daniel, Oliver and Thomas. Funeral Service on Wednesday December 6th at St James the Great, Colchester, at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to St James Restoration Appeal or The Minories Development Appeal Fund, c/o W.H. Shephard, Funeral Directors, 93/94 High Street, Colchester CO1 1TH.

MADDOCK - On November 28th, Arthur David, adored father of Rodney and Jenny and loving grandfather of Julia and Nick.

MAXWELL SCOTT - On November 29th 1989, very peacefully in the devoted care of the British Home, Streatham. Michael Fergus Constable Maxwell Scott, Bt., the beloved husband of Deirdre and dearly loved father of Dominic, Annabel and Matthew. Requiem Mass at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, on Monday December 4th at 12.15 pm. Donations if desired to the Scots Guards Charitable Funds, Headquarters, Wellington Barracks.

McKECHNIE - On November 28th, at home after a short illness, Sheila Margot Amy, beloved wife of Ian, mother of Gordon and Laura and grandmother. Funeral at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Wednesday December 6th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to Sparks (Sport Aiding Research into Crippling Diseases), 6th Floor, 25/27 Oxford Street, London W1R 1RF.

MILNE - On November 28th, in hospital, Marie, very dear wife of Tim and mother of Catherine. Cremation private.

MOREL - On Wednesday November 29th 1989, peacefully at Rowcroft Hospice, Torquay, Anthony Georges de Ville, aged 58 years, of Cobberton Farm, Dartington, Totnes, Devon. Funeral Service at Dartington Church on Saturday December 2nd at 9.30 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to be shared between Rowcroft and Totnes Natural Health Centre by a retiring collection.

NUTT - On Sunday November 26th 1989, suddenly, Horace Arthur Young Nutt, aged 76, of Little Abington, Cambridge, dearly loved husband of Clare (Jane) and father of Christopher. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Little Abington, on Tuesday December 5th at 2.30 pm. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Flowers if desired may be sent to H.J. Paintin Ltd., 43 High Street, Linton, Cambridge.

PRESTON - On November 28th 1989, peacefully at New East Surrey Hospital, Margaret Mary, aged 86, beloved wife of Dr. Thomas Warwick, mother of John and Edward and grandmother of Dominic. Funeral Service at St Philip's Church, Nutley Lane, Reigate, Wednesday December 6th at 2 pm, followed by cremation attended by family only. Floral tributes (cut flowers only) to Stoneman Funeral Services, Doran Court, Reigate Road, Redhill. Appreciation to all concerned at the hospital for their devoted care and attention.

STRANG - On November 28th, at Melbourne, Australia, after a short illness, Dr. Robert Philip, born Glasgow June 19th 1911, adored son of the late Robert Winning and Eleanor May Strang, dearly loved husband of Brenda.

SANDELSON - On November 29th 1989, peacefully, aged 86, after a short illness, Lilian (née Brenner), devoted wife of the late Dr. A.E.W. Sandelson. Deeply mourned by her loving children Stuart, Brian and Avis, daughters-in-law Shoshanna and Ruth, son-in-law Gerald Woolfiff, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sister-in-law, nieces, nephews and many friends.

STEPHENS - On November 26th 1989, at his home, 25 East Park Road, Blackburn, Rev. Frederick William Stephens, aged 79 years. Enquiries to The Alty Funeral Service, tel: (0254) 51261.

STUART - On November 23rd, in hospital in France, after a long illness courageously borne, Vincent Graham, husband of Micheline.

WALKER - On November 27th 1989, Mary Elizabeth 'Betty' (née Beck), peacefully at her home in Great Chesterford, Essex, beloved mother of Jane and dearest granny of John, Jennie and Edward. Funeral Service on Monday December 4th at Great Chesterford Parish Church at 2 pm, followed by private interment at Strethall Church. No flowers please, but donations to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund may be sent to H. Peasgood & Son, 62 Gold Street, Saffron Walden, Essex CB10 1EJ.

WARR - On November 28th 1989, peacefully after a fall, George Michael, son of Lady Warr and the late Sir Godfrey Warr, husband of Gillian, father of George, Griselda and Eleanor and stepfather of David Addis.

WILLIAMS - On November 27th, Montague Francis, peacefully after a long illness. Husband of Marjorie and father of Felicity and Jonathan and grandfather of Joel, Katherine and Ciaran. Funeral at Cambridge City Crematorium, Monday December 4th at 1 pm. No flowers, but donations may be made to Parkinson's Disease Society or Action Aid.

WINGATE - On November 28th 1989, at home, Reginald Eric Lennard C.B.E., beloved and cherished husband, dearest friend and counsellor to June. Beloved father of Jeanie and David and a dear grandfather. Funeral Service at St Clement's Church, Dartmouth, Devon, on Saturday December 2nd at 12 noon. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to The World Wildlife Fund or Missions to Seamen, c/o Perring Funeral Services, 64 Southford Road, Dartmouth.

YELD - On November 26th, suddenly and tragically, Gabrielle (Gay), adored wife of Peter, darling mother of Piers, Lucinda, Candida and Tamsin and grandmother of Emma. Funeral Service at St Peter's Brighton Parish Church on Monday December 4th at 11.15 am, to be followed by interment at the Bear Road Cemetery. Family flowers only please, but donations for Cancer Research may be sent c/o G. Newman and Son, 3 Trafalgar Street, Brighton, tel: Brighton 681822.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

PHILLIPS - Anthony Bernard Moore was buried at sea in the Southern Ocean on Tuesday November 14th 1989. A Mass of Thanksgiving for his life will be held at noon on Thursday January 11th 1990 at St Everilda's Church, Everingham Park, York.

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE COLCHESTER AND CLACTON COUNTY COURT
IN BANKRUPTCY
NO. 76 OF 1989
RE: TONY REGINALD BRITTON
I, Jonathan Joseph Schapira, authorised Insolvency Practitioner of Pannell Kerr Forster & Partners, New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA have been appointed Trustee of the above named bankrupt's estate.
All persons having in their possession or under their control any property or effects of the bankrupt must deliver them to me and all debts due to the bankrupt must be paid to me. All proofs of debt not already submitted should be forwarded to me.
Dated this 17th day of November 1989
J J Schapira - Trustee

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
NO. 006912 OF 1989
IN THE MATTER OF SHERWOOD GROUP PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 3rd day of November 1989 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Harman at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 11th December 1989.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said company desired to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for the purpose.
A copy of the said Petition shall be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 30th day of November 1989
Evershed, Wells & Hind
14 Fletcher Gate
Nottingham NG1 2FX
Solicitors for the above named Company
Ref: 307
Tel: 0602 506201

LEGAL NOTICES

CASE NO. 3KO-88-312 Civil
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA AT KODIAK
Paul Roller, Insurance Director for the State of Alaska, as Receiver for and on behalf of Pacific Marine Insurance Company of Alaska, in Rehabilitation.
Plaintiff
-and-
Robert A. Bell, Stanley James Ogden, Kenneth John Jackson, James Owen Allan, Stephen F. Schroder and John and Jane Does 1 through 100.
Defendants

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT
To Defendant ROBERT A BELL: You are hereby summoned and required to file with the court an answer to the complaint filed in this case. Your answer must be filed with the court at 202 Marine Way, Kodiak, AK 99615 within 30 days after the last date of publication of this notice. In addition, a copy of your answer must be sent to the Plaintiff's attorney, ERWIN & SMITH whose address is 1400 W Benson Blvd, Ste 525, Anchorage, AK 99503-3660
If you fail to file your answer within the required time, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
This is an action for damages arising out of your negligence, misrepresentation, conversion, fraud, civil RICO activities when associated with Pacific Marine Insurance Company of Alaska. The relief demanded is in excess of $10 million.
You have been made a party to this action because you controlled the Pacific Marine Insurance Company of Alaska and the activities of the company.
Sealed by the Court
26th May 1989
CLERK TO THE COURT:
Lori A. Wade

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE NO 002512 OF 1989
RE. L O ANDREWS (BUILDERS) LIMITED
This is to certify that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named Company, held on 12th September 1989, Mr Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co., Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Herts AL1 1HD, having provided a written statement that he is qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the above named company under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986 and that he consents so to act, was appointed liquidator of the company.
Date, 26 September 1989
J F Wilding Chairman

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND IN THE MATTER OF PLASTICS & METAL PRODUCTS (UK) LIMITED
Registered Office: 55/57 High Holborn, London WC1V 6DX. Principal Trading Address: 56 Dolphin Road, Shoreham-by-Sea BN4 6PB.
Company No: 2023420
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the Langfords Hotel, 12 Third Avenue, Hove, Sussex on 7th December 1989, at 10.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986, ie:-
1. To consider the Directors' Statement of Affairs.
2. To appoint a Liquidator.
3. The appointment of a Liquidation Committee.
No creditor may vote who has not lodged a proof of debt at 55/57 High Holborn, London WC1V 6DX, together with a proxy if required, not later than 4.00pm on 6th December 1989.
The following insolvency practitioner will provide creditors free of charge with information concerning the company's affairs: Mr J P Richards of Touche Ross & Co., 55/57 High Holborn, London WC1V 6DX (Telephone: 01-405 8799: Please ask for Miss P Bird).
Dated this 1st day of November 1989
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
BJ THAKE - DIRECTOR

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO. 006731 OF 1989
IN THE MATTER OF TLS RANGE plc
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 26th day of October 1989 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company amounting to the sum of £3,804,387
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Harman at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Monday the 11th day of December 1989.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 24th day of November 1989
Cooper Sons, Hartley & Williams, Woolwich House, 61 Mosley Street, Manchester, M2 3HZ.
Solicitors for the above named Company

LEGAL NOTICES

CORDFORM LIMITED
Trading as K D AUTOMATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor) London W2 6LF on Thursday, the 7th day of December 1989 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of the names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceeding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 22nd day of November 1989
K.M. DEAR - Director

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1989-90
ADELPHI ESTATE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made to Parliament in the present Session by Cofico Industries AG (hereinafter called "the Company") for leave to introduce a Bill with the above name or short title for purposes of removing restraints upon development of lands in the City of Westminster including the Adelphi Building, John Adam Street, London WC2, and repealing certain statutory enactments.
On or after the 4th day of December 1989 a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies thereof obtained at a price of 80p. per copy at the offices of the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents.
Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it in either or both Houses of Parliament. The latest date for the deposit of such a Petition in the First House will be 30th January 1990, if the Bill originates in the House of Commons on 6th February 1990, if it originates in the House of Lords. For further information may be obtained from the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, the offices of the Clerk of the Parliaments in the House of Lords or the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents.
Dated this 30th day of November 1989
DYSON BELL MARTIN & CO., 1. Dean Farrar Street, Westminster, London SW1H 0DY.
Parliamentary Agents.

IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1989-90
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT application has been made to Parliament in the present Session by The Standard Life Assurance Company (hereinafter called "the Company") for leave to introduce a Bill with the above name or short title for the purposes of which the following is a concise summary:-
1. To repeal the Standard Life Assurance Company Acts 1925 to 1980.
2. To make new provision for the regulation and management of the Company.
3. To make provision for the continued incorporation of the Company under its present name, the continuance of all assurances, deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, agreements, securities, awards and other acts and things made and entered into by or with the Company whether in its favour or otherwise.
4. To provide for the redemption of all stock not held by the Company together with all interest that shall have accrued thereon.
4. For other incidental and miscellaneous purposes.
On and after 4th December 1989 a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies thereof obtained at a price of £1 per copy at the head office of the Company at 3 George Street, Edinburgh, at the offices of the Company at Ulster Bank House, Shaftesbury Square, Belfast and at the offices of the undermentioned Solicitors and Parliamentary Agents.
Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it in either or both Houses of Parliament. If the Bill originates in the House of Commons, the latest date for depositing a Petition in the Private Bill Office of that House will be 30th January 1990. If the Bill originates in the House of Lords, the latest date for depositing a Petition in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments of that House will be 6th February 1990.
Further information may be obtained from the Private Bill Office, House of Commons, the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords, or the offices of the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents.
Dated this 30th day of November 1989
DUNDAS & WILSON CS
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Edinburgh EH2 4EZ
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DYSON BELL MARTIN & CO.
1 Dean Farrar Street,
Westminster,
London SW1H 0DY.
Parliamentary Agents.

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1989-90
KILLINGHOLME GENERATING STATIONS (ANCILLARY POWERS)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made to Parliament by the Central Electricity Generating Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") for leave to introduce in the present Session of Parliament a Bill (hereinafter referred to as "the Bill") for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:-
1. The construction by the Board of the following works:-
Work No.1 One or more conduits and an intake commencing in the parish at reference point TA1702 1960 and extending into the river for a distance of 320 metres and there terminating;
Work No.2 One or more conduits and an outfall commencing in the parish at reference point TA1702 1960 extending into the river for a distance of 280 metres and there terminating;
Work No.3 One or more conduits and an intake commencing in the parish at reference point PA1704 1962 extending into the river for a distance of 360 metres and there terminating;
Work No.4 One or more conduits and an outfall commencing in the parish at reference point TA1704 1962 extending into the river for a distance of 270 metres and there terminating;
Work No.5 One or more conduits and an intake commencing in the parish at reference point TA1710 1946 extending into the river for a distance of 360 metres and there terminating;
Work No.6 One or more conduits and an outfall commencing in the parish at reference point TA1710 1946 extending into the river for a distance of 280 metres and there terminating;
Work No.7 One or more conduits and an intake commencing in the parish at reference point TA1714 1939 and extending into the river for a distance of 360 metres and there terminating;
Work No.8 One or more conduits and an outfall commencing in the parish at reference point TA1714 1939 extending into the river for a distance of 280 metres and there terminating;
Work No.9 One or more conduits and an intake commencing in the parish at reference point TA1718 1932 extending into the river for a distance of 370 metres and there terminating;
Work No.10 One or more conduits and an outfall commencing in the parish at reference point TA1718 1932 extending into the river for a distance of 270 metres and there terminating;
Work No.11 One or more conduits and an intake commencing in the parish at reference point TA1722 1925 extending into the river for a distance of 390 metres and there terminating;
Work No.12 One or more conduits and an outfall commencing in the parish at reference point TA1722 1925 extending into the river for a distance of 290 metres and there terminating.
2. Alterations and improvement of the works to be authorised by the Bill and construction of ancillary and subsidiary works including the temporary stopping up and diversion of highways and power to deviate both laterally and vertically.
3. Abstraction of water from the River Humber by means of the works and discharge of water into the said river by means of the works.
4. Power to dredge and remove obstructions from the bed, foreshore and banks of the River Humber.
5. Exemption for the works to be authorised by the Bill from the provisions of section 6 of the Humber Conservancy Act 1905 and exemption for the powers to dredge from the requirements of section 8 of the said Act of 1905.
6. Provisions relating to tidal works not to be executed without approval of Secretary of State, provision against danger to navigation, abatement of works abandoned or decayed, survey of tidal works, permanent lights on tidal works and lights on tidal works during construction.
7. Acquisition compulsorily or by agreement of lands in the Parish of North Killingholme in the Borough of Glanford in the administrative county of Humberside and lands forming part of the adjoining foreshore and bed of the sea for the purpose of the construction of the said intended works, obtaining access thereto, materials therefrom and depositing materials thereon; extinction of any private rights of way over the said lands.
8. Acquisition of parts of property and of easements over or in property; disregard of recent improvements for the purpose of assessing compensation.
9. Incorporation and application with or without amendment of some or all of the following Acts or any provisions of those Acts:-
The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act 1845;
The Compulsory Purchase Act 1965.
Duplicate plans and sections of the proposed works and plans showing the lands which may be acquired or used compulsorily under the powers of the intended Act, together with a Book of Reference to such plans, were on or before the 20th day of November last deposited with the Chief Executive of the County Council of the administrative county of Humberside, with the Clerk and Chief Executive of the Borough of Glanford and with the Clerk of the parish council of North Killingholme.
On and after the 4th day of December, 1989 a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies thereof may be obtained at the price of 50p each at the offices of the Board at Sudbury House, 15, Newgate Street, London, EC1A 7AU at the South Killingholme Post Office, Grimsby, South Humberside, DN40 3HR and at the offices of the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents.
Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it in either or both houses of Parliament. The latest date for the deposit of such a Petition in the First House will be 30th January 1990, if the Bill originates in the House of Commons or 6th February 1990, if it originates in the House of Lords. Further information may be obtained from the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in the House of Lords or the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents.
Dated this 30th day of November 1989
DYSON BELL MARTIN & CO.,
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Parliamentary Agents.

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OBITUARY

MR. MARTIN TUPPER.

We regret to learn that Mr. Martin Farquhar Tupper, D.C.L., F.R.S., died at a quarter past 2 yesterday afternoon. He fell ill a few days ago, and soon afterwards his condition was found to be hopeless. He was the eldest son of a well-known medical practitioner, Mr. Martin Tupper, F.R.S., who was twice offered a baronetcy for his philanthropic and general services, in the first instance by Lord Liverpool, and secondly by the Duke of Wellington. The Tupper family comes of an old Huguenot stock, known as Töpper in Germany, Toupard in France and the Low Countries, and Tupper in England and the United States.

Mr. Martin Farquhar Tupper was born in London in 1810, and was educated at the Charterhouse and Christ Church, Oxford, where he graduated B.A. in 1832, M.A. in 1835, and D.C.L. in 1847. After obtaining his degree, Mr. Tupper entered himself as a student at Lincoln's Inn. He was called to the Bar in 1835, but never practised as a barrister. In 1836 appeared his first work, "Geraldine and other Poems," which is now only sought by the curious; and the same year the first half of his famous "Proverbial Philosophy" was written in his chambers at 21, Old-square, Lincoln's Inn. This production, notwithstanding the onslaughts of critics, was recognised by some as a work of originality and merit, and it slowly but surely began to achieve popularity for its author. The original edition attained but a moderate amount of success, while its first appearance in America was almost a failure; but as it began to grow in estimation the demand increased year by year, so that for 25 years there were never sold less than 5,000 copies annually. The "Proverbial Philosophy" was lengthened into four series (1839-67), some of which went through more than 50 editions. An illustrated edition of the whole work was published a few years ago. It was computed that in less than a quarter of a century the circulation of this extraordinary work was upwards of one hundred thousand copies in England, and nearly half a million in America, while it was also translated into several Continental languages.

As a poet Mr Tupper enjoyed more favour with the general public than with the critics. His peculiar verse has been a frequent theme for the satirists, and yet the attacks upon him only seemed to confirm his hold over the masses. He lacked genius and inspiration, but there was a kind of oracular air about his utterances which greatly impressed those who did not examine beneath the surface. As a moral essayist he deserved praise, and occasionally he reached a poetic strain when animated by the fervour of patriotism. That he enjoyed a strange and unique position in literature is beyond question. This is a tribute to the British heart rather than to its intellect. Personally, Mr Tupper was a genial, warm-hearted man, a close friend, and a good hater of cant and superstition, as well as of the enemies of England.

Receptions

HM Government
Mr John Redwood, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Corporate Affairs, received the guests at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House to mark the annual meeting of the Enlarged Contact Group for the supervision of investment funds.

Scottish Financial Enterprise
Scottish Financial Enterprise (SFE), hosted its annual London cocktail party, on Wednesday evening, in the offices of Robert Fleming Holdings Limited, 25 Copthall Avenue, London. It was attended by representatives of its membership, the media and others.

Service dinner

600 Squadron, RAuxAF
Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of 600 Squadron (City of London) Royal Auxiliary Air Force held last night at Merchant Taylors' Hall. Squadron Leader Jack Meadows presided and the other hosts were Squadron Leaders John Cormack and David Proudlove. Air Chief Marshals Sir John Barraclough and Sir Dennis Crowley-Milling; and the Master and Clerk of the Merchant Taylors' Company were among others present.

Church news

Appointments
Rev Paul Lockett, Priest-in-charge, St Peter, West Bromwich, diocese Lichfield: to be the Incumbent, Norton Canes, same diocese.
Rev Dr Peter Marr, non-stipendiary minister, St Giles-in-Reading, and Director of Music at St Joseph's Convent School, Reading, diocese Oxford: to be Senior Assistant Curate, Beverley Minster, diocese York.
Rev Alexander J Millyard, Vicar, Blakesley w Adstone, diocese Peterborough: to be also Rector, Maidford and Farthingstone, same diocese.
Rev William D Nichol, Assistant Curate, Hull St John Newland, diocese York: to be Assistant Curate, Kirk Ella, with special responsibility for St Luke's, Willerby, same diocese.
Rev Dr Jeremy P Sheehy, Dean of New College, Oxford, diocese Oxford: to be Vicar, St Margaret, Leytonstone, diocese Chelmsford.
Rev John Tibbs, Vicar, Elstow, diocese St Albans: to be Chaplain to Bedford General Hospital, North Beds Health Authority, same diocese.
Rev David Ward, Priest-in-charge, St Paul, Hook, diocese Southwark: to be the Incumbent, St Paul, Hook, same diocese.
Rev Andrew Wilson, Vicar, St James, Malden, diocese Southwark: to be Chaplain of Warlingham Park Hospital, and Mental Health Chaplain, Croydon, same diocese.
Rev Dennis M Wight, Appeals Organizer for the Church of England Children's Society: to be the Incumbent, Christ Church, Coseley, diocese Lichfield.
Rev Brian H Wilcox, Rector, Clipston w Naseby and Haselbech w Kelmarsh, diocese Peterborough: to be Vicar, Hornsea w Atwick, diocese York.

The Rev Sandra E Lloyd, Assistant Curate, All Saints, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, diocese Portsmouth: to be Assistant Curate, St Mary, Whitwell; St Lawrence; St John the Baptist, Niton, Isle of Wight, same diocese.
The Rev John Lowen, Vicar, Monkseaton, St Mary, Whitley Bay, diocese Newcastle: to be Vicar, Ponteland, same diocese.
The Rev Simon J Meigh, Assistant Curate, St John of Jerusalem w Christ Church, South Hackney, diocese London: to be Vicar, St Bartholomew, Stamford Hill, same diocese.
The Rev Alan Middleton, Incumbent, St John, Darlington, diocese Durham: to be Vicar, All Saints, Upper Norwood, diocese Southwark.
The Rev Christopher F Penn, Vicar, Bainford, diocese Bath and Wells: to be Vicar, St Andrew, Avonmouth, and Social and Industrial Chaplain, diocese Bristol.
The Rev Robert W Simmonds, Team Vicar, Hemel Hempstead, diocese St Albans: to be Curate, Whitchurch, diocese Bristol.
The Rev Geoffrey Rowston, Rector, Alderbury and West Grimstead, diocese Salisbury: to be also (temporarily) Priest-in-charge, Whiteparish, same diocese.
The Rev Dr William M Rumball, Vicar, South Hetton and Haswell, diocese Durham: to be Vicar, South Wingfield and Wessington, diocese Derby.
The Rev Martin G Salter, Vicar, Blackmore and Stondon Massey, diocese Chelmsford: to be *also* Rural Dean of Ongar, same diocese.
The Rev C Michael Semper, Incumbent, Claypole, diocese Lincoln: to be Vicar, Stoke-by-Nayland and Leavenheath, diocese St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.
The Rev Donald F Seal, Rector, Upper Stour, and Rural Dean of Heytesbury, diocese Salisbury: to be Vicar, St George's, Bermuda, diocese Bermuda.
The Rev Canon John C Seymour, Team Rector, Market Bosworth w Cadeby, Sutton Cheney and Congerstone, diocese Leicester: to be *also* Rural Dean of Sparkenhoe West, same diocese.
The Rev Malcolm Smeaton, Curate, Long Benton St Bartholomew, diocese Newcastle: to be Vicar, Byker St Martin, same diocese.
The Rev Simon G Stephenson, Priest-in-charge, Withywood church, Bishopsworth, diocese Bristol: to be Team Vicar in the Wreningham team ministry, diocese Norwich.
The Rev Peter Stokes, Vicar, St Andrew, Luton, diocese St Albans: to be also Assistant Rural Dean of Luton, same diocese.
The Rev Robert G Warren, Rector, Gazeley w Dalham, Moulton and Kentford, diocese St Edmundsbury and Ipswich: to be Ministry of St Luke, Ipswich, same diocese.
The Rev Brian H Wilcox, Vicar, Clipston w Naseby and Haselbach w Kelmarsh, diocese Peterborough: to be Vicar, Hornsea w Atwick, diocese York.

Resignations and retirements
Rev George E N Bargh, Priest-in-charge, Egton cum Newland w Lowick, diocese Carlisle: to retire December 31.
Rev William B Mitchell, Rector, Kirkby Thore, Temple Sowerby and Newbiggin, diocese Carlisle: to retire November 30.
Rev Ronald P Fairbrother, Vicar, Abbotskerswell, diocese Exeter: to retire November 30.

Latest wills

Mr Roger **Middleton**, of Lordship Lane, London N16, Maurice Colbourne, the actor who played Tom Howard in the BBC programme *Howards' Way*, left estate valued at £40,204 net.

The Rev Henry Paul **Kingdon**, of Knole Park, Almondsbury, Avon, a Fellow of Exeter College, Oxford, 1933-45, which college then presented him with the living of Somerford, Wiltshire, a teacher at King Alfred's College, Winchester 1951-56, and then Vicar of Chewton Mendip, near Bath, left £1,149,564 net.

Mr George Bertie **Wolverson**, of Mudeford, Dorset, late chairman of Wolverson X-Ray and Electro-Medical, left estate valued at £1,301,948 net.

Mrs Frances **Faiman**, of Manor House Drive, London NW6, left estate valued at £1,263,942 net.

Mr Francis William **Rostron**, of West Side, Wimbledon Common, London SW19, the sports journalist who covered the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles and returned there 52 years later to report the 1984 Games, left estate valued at £323,692 net.

Mr James Coulton Gordon **Durham**, of Scalegill, Kirkby Malham, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,418,374 net.

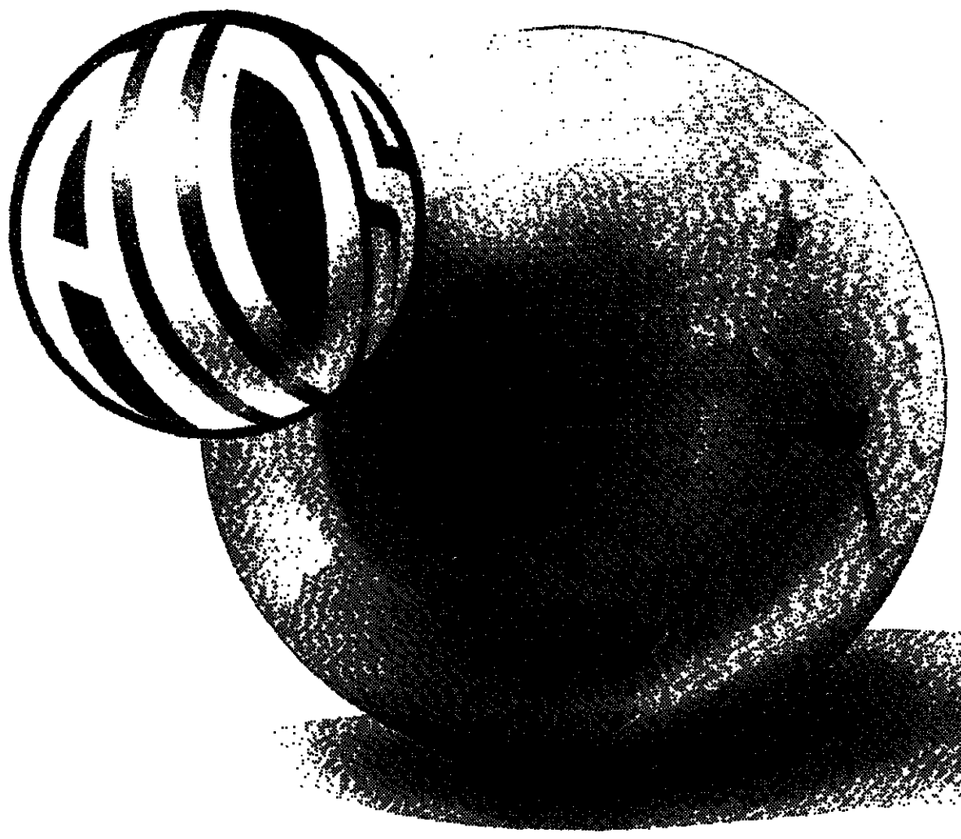
Mrs Ruth Gwendoline Challice **Bush**, of Haslemere, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,532,603 net.

Mr Bruce Wolfe Tresilian **Pender**, of Writtle, Essex, left estate valued at £1,080,059 net.

HEALTH PAGE

The next Hundred Years War?

As the deathly shadow of the HIV virus spreads across the world, striking down a growing number of victims, Thomson Prentice looks at the likely horrors that lie ahead unless the war against Aids is fought on a united front



JOHN LAWSON

Tomorrow is World Aids Day, an annual event initiated last year by the World Health Organization to prompt a spirit of global unity in the war against the disease that has dominated the decade.

An international brigade of doctors and scientists, politicians and pundits will fire their latest salvoes on behalf of public education, prevention and treatment. Sir Donald Acheson, the British Government's chief medical officer, says that these are merely the opening shots in what he describes as "a Hundred Years War against Aids".

The war is already seven years old, but is still far from being fought on a united front. It remains regarded by huge sections of the world as an irrelevant conflict remote from everyday life.

In Britain, as in many other countries, Aids is still seen as a sordid disease largely restricted to promiscuous homosexual men and intravenous drug abusers. The belief that "normal" people are somehow immune to it is almost as entrenched now as it was at the beginning of the epidemic.

The evidence, human and scientific, tells a starkly different story. The crucial question today is how many people will be persuaded by the facts, and how many will continue to ignore them.

"Our confontation with Aids has reached a crossroads," says Dr Jonathan Mann, director of the WHO Global Programme on Aids. "In many countries, including Britain, the foundations for successful action have been built.

"But complacency, indifference or denial could cause us to falter and lose our way."

According to WHO, Aids has now reached 152 countries; and of the five to 10 million people who have become infected with HIV, the Aids virus, some 600,000 have developed the incurable symptoms of full-blown Aids. Within the next two years, another 500,000 men, women and children across the world are expected to contract a condition which matches anything in the medical dictionary in terms of its devastating effects.

By the end of the century, WHO predicts, there will be 10 times as many sufferers as there are now. And, it adds, there will still be no vaccine or cure.

At an international conference in Paris this week on the impact of Aids on women and their children, medical experts have been spelling out a terrible message that many of us will find hard to absorb: this, they warned, is just the beginning.

In sub-Saharan Africa, 250,000 babies may already have been born infected with the Aids virus. There is no hope for them. In Brazil, probably 140,000 children are similarly doomed. In New York city, where Aids is now the leading cause of death in men and women under 40, about 85,000 children are predicted to be orphaned by it as their infected parents die in the next 10 years.

In the United States, western Europe and Australia, the virus is in the blood of about two million adults, of whom just 10 per cent are women.

In Britain, about 700 women are known to have been infected through normal intercourse. They are among a group of about 3,500 HIV-positive people, including haemophiliacs and drug injectors, who are heterosexual. Another 8,000 recorded virus carriers are men who were homosexually infected.

Next January, in an effort to get a clearer picture, the Government will launch a system of anonymous testing for traces of the Aids virus. Up to half a million people, including new-born babies, expectant mothers and out-patients at clinics specializing in sexually transmitted diseases, will undergo checks.

For most of us, the Aids epidemic is difficult to grapple with and comprehend. But perhaps the threat of its future spread can be better understood by a brief look backwards.

Many of the carriers of the HIV virus were probably infected before Margaret Thatcher became Prime Minister, and most before she won the 1987 general election.

The Aids virus is a lethal "sleeper" that incubates for up to 10 years, perhaps longer, before beginning to wreak havoc on the body's immune system. That is why Acheson talks about a 100-year epidemic. The virus will be passed from generation to generation, its survival guaranteed by our own procreation.

Against this background, the insistence that Aids is a "gay plague" would be laughable were it not so tragically short-sighted. In the western world, Aids merely showed up among homosexual men first. In Africa, it is overwhelmingly a heterosexual disease, and its heterosexual spread is slowly increasing everywhere else.

Mann says: "Denial at the personal, national and international level has been a constant problem since the beginning of the epidemic, and today it is a grave danger to public health.

"The world is being lulled into a state of complacency which threatens to undermine existing progress and cripple future efforts. We all say it can't happen to us. The more we keep saying it, the more likely we are to be proven fatally wrong."

But we do keep saying it. Only last week, Lord Kilbracken, a 69-year-old Labour peer and member of the Commons all-party committee on Aids, claimed that the risks for most heterosexual people were "statistically invisible". He received wide publicity, for his message was one that a great many people wanted to hear.

Acheson tried to demolish it at an Aids conference in London last week. "The notion that this virus can only be spread sexually through anal intercourse is wrong, and those who continue to state this myth are doing a great disservice to the community," he said.

"They have no factual, scientific basis for their opinions. Aids can kill anyone, whatever their sex, their age, or their sexual habits. It does not discriminate."

Mann says: "A public eager for reassurance may quite naturally be tempted to believe that any slowing of the spread of the virus or decline in the number of new Aids cases means that the problem is over. But we know it is continuing, only awaiting opportunities for a more explosive spread.

"The epidemic is dynamic and unstable. The virus will remain in the world for the rest of our lives, and beyond. Aids is not going to go away."

In Britain, as elsewhere, complacency has set in. Grim predictions of cases seem unlikely to be realized within their projected time frame. According to last year's report by the Cox committee, a group of experts appointed by the Government to forecast the epidemic's toll in the next few years, there could be 30,000 cases and 17,000 deaths in the UK by 1992.

However, the latest figures show a total of 2,717 cases, including 1,422 deaths. On World Aids Day last year the totals were 1,927 and 1,034 respectively.

The Cox forecast looks like an overestimate, but even if the figures are inaccurate, there is still plenty to worry about.

"The spread of HIV will be slow and difficult to measure for several more years," Acheson says. "We are dealing with something that is uncommon now, but which could become catastrophic by the time our children and our grandchildren grow up.

"It may actually be several decades, if ever, before we can feel the worst is over. Possibly we have in the Aids virus an unwelcome companion that will be with us for ever."

● *Among the events in this country to mark World Aids Day is a two-hour comedy benefit,* Hysteria 2, *which will be screened tomorrow on Channel 4 at 10.30pm: John Cleese and Rowan Atkinson are among the stars. During the afternoon, Health Minister Virginia Bottomley will be answering questions from young people attending an Aids seminar organized by the National Aids Trust, at the ICA in the Mall, London; and more than 140 theatres throughout the country have agreed to co-operate with Frontliners, a self-help group of people living with Aids, in a collection on behalf of the organization.*

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MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

The bewitching smile with which the toddler Linda Prime rewarded the staff at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, as she left after her successful liver transplant, as well as the tragic failure of the battle to save the life of Mrs Aisling Barnett, has highlighted liver disease in general and transplants in particular. Mrs Barnett's case was comparatively unusual; she suffered acute liver failure after taking a very properly prescribed drug. Most drugs are detoxified in the liver; unfortunately, in occasional cases the liver tissue is unusually sensitive to



Aisling Barnett: brave battle

them and liver damage, and even necrosis, occurs.

The great majority of people, excluding those who suffer from alcoholic cirrhosis, who reach the progressive end stage of liver failure — the point at which the physician can offer no more help, and only transplant surgery gives a chance of survival — are not suffering from an idiosyncratic response to medical treatment, but from the late effects of viral hepatitis or auto-immune chronic liver disease.

Three national liver units are funded by central government. They are able to perform about 250 transplant operations a year. Last year the Royal Free Hospital in London, which has had an international reputation for the treatment of liver disease for nearly 40 years, allocated cash from its own resources to help deal with the thousands of patients in this country who are in severe liver failure, and whose only chance of survival depends on a transplant. A team led by Mr Keith Rolles undertook 23 operations — 17 patients survived. Of the 23, 21 were suffering from late viral hepatitis or auto-immune disease.

Transplants can help a few individuals, but the major impact on the death rate from liver failure can only be achieved when heavy drinkers monitor their intake, and when medical science finds ways to limit the spread of hepatitis.

Until the late 1940s all cases of viral hepatitis were lumped together as catarrhal jaundice, but by the 1950s it was realized that there were at least two separate diseases, infectious hepatitis and serum hepatitis. Doctors now distinguish the many different types of viral hepatitis by assigning them a letter: we already have hepatitis A, B, C, D and E.

The original infectious hepatitis is hepatitis A, and blood tests have shown 50 per cent of British people have at some time been infected with it, even though many will not have noticed an attack of jaundice. Hepatitis A is caused by a virus related to the polio virus. It is spread by infected sewage, contaminated water and unwashed hands in the kitchen. Hepatitis B is a totally different virus, only related to various animal viruses. It is a serious disease spread by blood and other body fluids including semen; it is endemic in the Third World, where it is transmitted from mother to child soon after birth. In Britain it is commonly found in health care workers, homosexuals and prostitutes. Ten per cent fail to make a full recovery, and may eventually develop cirrhosis or cancer of the liver.

Hepatitis D is a virus which can exist only in conjunction with an established hepatitis B infection; it enhances the ill effects of the hepatitis B, and



Linda Prime: liver success

may, if the disease has become quiescent, cause a relapse.

Hepatitis C has recently been isolated; it is usually spread by blood transfusion, probably occasionally by sexual intercourse. When the attack is severe enough to cause jaundice, it will in 50 per cent of cases give rise to chronic hepatitis, progressive liver failure and later, in an alarmingly high proportion, cancer of the liver.

The hepatitis E virus is related to the yellow fever virus, but is not insect borne but spread by faulty sewage disposal. Outbreaks have occurred recently in Mexico, Delhi and parts of China.

Hazy memory



Reports of the seizure of huge amounts of cannabis, coupled with this week's survey of teenagers which showed that 10 per cent had been offered cannabis before they were 15, suggests not only that the Customs are becoming very much more expert at catching smugglers, but that the trade in cannabis is increasing.

The Lancet has recently analysed the research dealing with one small aspect of cannabis smoking, its effect on short-term memory.

It has long been known that during and soon after the intoxicated stage, short-term memory is impaired; in this respect it is little different from alcohol, or even many tranquillizers. Recent experiments have shown that short-term memory continues to be affected for at least six weeks after a heavy session. In one trial, 17 young cannabis-smoking middle class North Americans were repeatedly tested for six weeks after their last puff; during this time they were subjected to 24-hour surveillance, but just in case they had had a surreptitious smoke their urine was also regularly checked. Although their memory deficiency diminished during the six-week period, it was still readily detectable at the end of the experiment. *The Lancet* suggests that memory loss is likely to be particularly apparent if the smoker already has a low IQ.

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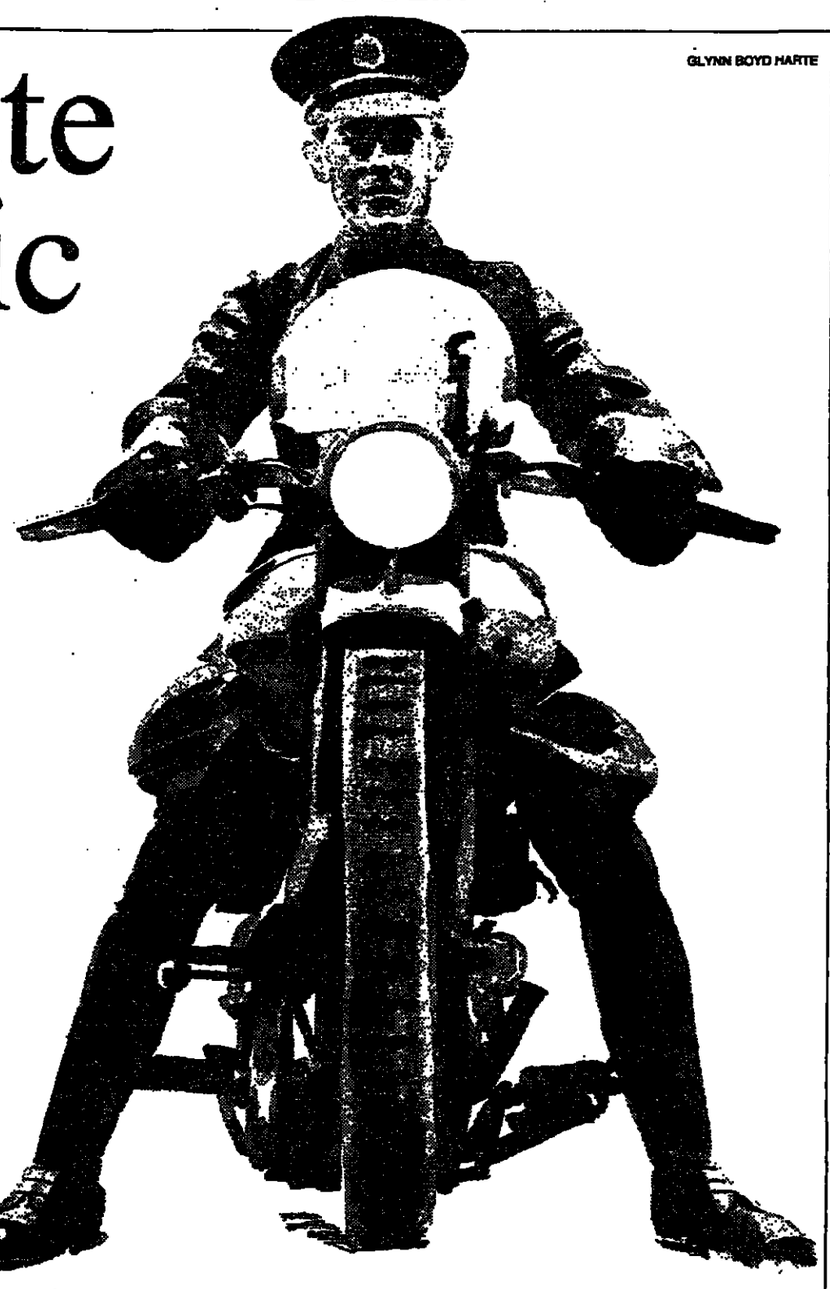
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The Private goes public

Peter Ackroyd on the official life and celebrity of a reluctant hero



GLYNN BOYD HARTE

At the height of his public fame, after the victories in the desert, after the successes in the conference rooms of post war Europe, T. E. Lawrence had one ambition: after he had left the ranks of the RAF, his real wish was to take a night watchman's job in a block of London offices. In that vision of nocturnal solitude and apartness we get a truer notion of the man than any photograph of him dressed in Arab finery. All his life Lawrence possessed a hard core of secrecy, of unknowability, as he "outfaced" life — to use one of his own terms — with a persistent, self-neglectful, hardihood. He was a very odd man, as most of his acquaintances were willing to testify, but he was odd in a special sense: he simply paid no attention to the conventions and stipulations of the world. And so it was that this intensely, obsessively, private man became a "myth", a "romance", a "mystery".

The mystery is such that it is not even clear if he should be called "Lawrence" at all. He was in fact the illegitimate child of an Irish landowner named Chapman, and this early ambiguity might have in part been responsible for the assortment of other names by which he was also known — Aircraftman Ross, Private T. E. Shaw and of course, most famously, "Lawrence of Arabia", the "Prince of Arabia" who, according to legend, almost single-handedly freed the Arabs from the Turkish oppressors. Yet every romance must have a beginning as well as an end, and that of "Ned" Lawrence commences with his days as a schoolboy and undergraduate in Oxford — by all accounts a reserved, circumspect, watchful young man who tested himself with self-imposed feats of physical endurance or privation. He might have become an academic — he intended to write his B.Lit. thesis on "Medieval Lead Glazed Pottery from the 11th to the 16th centuries" — but he ended up shooting people in the desert.

What were the stages of his pilgrimage to that barren place? His formative work as a young man was among the Hittite excavations at Carchemish: he would have made a wonderful archaeologist, precisely because of that ability to immerse himself in an alien culture that was later put to such notorious use. Particularly he admired the Arabs among whom he worked for their spareness, their economy of means, their bareness and containment of soul. Yet it is only a short step from immersing oneself to losing oneself, and in fact the young Lawrence was *often* so neglectful of his real needs and comforts that it is almost as if his life were a long exercise in self-hatred. If it is also true that feats of physical courage are sometimes manifestations of despair, then here, at last, we have the makings of a hero.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA
The Authorized Biography of T. E. Lawrence
By Jeremy Wilson
Heinemann, £25

For it can be said that his life really began with the Great War when he was sent as an intelligence officer to Cairo. It was now that his affection and admiration for the Arabs turned into something much more potent, as he became committed to the idea of Arab nationalism in the face of Turkish, French, and even English imperialists. The rest is, as they say, history — even if it is history of a highly romanticized sort. In fact the popular image of Lawrence, dressed in Arab headgear, blowing up bridges, spying within occupied territories, surrounded by his own special bodyguard of hand-picked troops, was precisely the one he himself despised and rejected. If there is one constant note in this intriguing biography, it is Lawrence's own disgust at himself and distrust of his own motives — "that pretence to lead the national uprising of another race," as he put it in the draft version of *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, "the daily posturing in alien dress, preaching in alien speech". All the time he seems to have realized that he was using his "outcast life" among the Arabs as "one more tool to help us win England the victory".

There is of course also the matter of his rape at the hands of Turkish soldiery in 1917, an event that can plausibly be said to have altered the whole course of his life. For a man so hard, so self-sufficient, so impermeable, it must have been an extraordinary ordeal. If there had been self-doubt and self-disgust before, it was redoubled: he felt himself to be in some obscure way guilty of this act of defilement, and from that time forward he could never bear people to touch him. But it was worse than that, since now he consciously sought out degradation and abuse. It is well known that on occasions he liked to be whipped (a subject upon which his biographer does not dwell) but, more importantly, it is clear that his desire after the War to enter the ranks of the "common" soldiers and airmen was a way of denigrating himself. "I long for people to look down upon me and despise me," he wrote. "I want to dirty myself outwardly, so that my person may properly reflect the dirtiness which it conceals."

And yet of course the very triumphs in the desert which now he despised had become the making of his legend: he could no more escape from it than he could escape from his own tortured self. The more he tried to hide himself, the more celebrated he became. To some this search for anonymity seemed to be a kind of act, but it was not so — he genuinely did want to be left with his own little hardened shell of a life, but the thousand mouths of Fame came close to devouring him instead.

It is an extraordinary story, and none the worse for being narrated here in a measured and detailed fashion. Jeremy Wilson has cut away the accretions of myth and romance by relying largely upon contemporary documents, but the figure who emerges at the end of the historical process is quite as extraordinary as any concocted in the cinema or in the more sensational biographies. Truth can be more bewildering than fiction, after all, and the story of T. E. Lawrence — this odd, obsessive, driven man who sought anonymity and against all his wishes was granted immortal fame — is far more interesting than that of the conventional hero swathed in Arab head gear.

Raw family war of the sexes

FICTION
Sabine Durrant

THE WAR ZONE
By Alexander Stuart
Hamish Hamilton, £11.95

THE HAND
By Yuz Aleshkovsky
Peter Halban, £11.95

MYSELF AND MARCO POLO
By Paul Griffiths
Chatto & Windus, £12.95

CRANFORD REVISITED
By John Rowe Townsend
Green Bay, £11.95

Incest may not be a subject with which to conquer the hearts and minds of an *entire* panel of Whitbread judges, but in Alexander Stuart's **The War Zone** it becomes the focus of acute, tense writing. This novel is neither voyeuristic nor "repellent", but a tightly drawn, savagely seductive portrayal of adolescent anger and social disorder. In the tension it creates between sensuality and disgust, words are spat and purred by turn, and love and hatred are just opposite sides of the same foreign coin.

For Tom, the bitter-sour adolescent narrator, a sexual relationship between his father and elder sister ("The Bitch") is just one facet of a world twisted sideways, snarled up in knots. His language, sometimes raw, sometimes swollen with self-indulgence, tangles images of nature with sexual corruption: the sky blood red where it touches the backbone of the houses. His anger besmears even the bits of life he loves. This is a disturbing, claustrophobic book, fraught with obsession and fantasies. Only towards the end, as the rigid circle of the family and Tom's mind is broken by events, does it loosen its hold over you.

Yuz Aleshkovsky's **The Hand** is also about the vice-like grip of obsession, but here it is for revenge. Colonel Bashov, agent of the Soviet security police, official interrogator and executioner, has waited 50 years for the confrontation that opens this agonized, agonizing monologue. Before him sits Gurov, the son of the man he saw betray and then kill his own father (a reactionary farmer at the beginning of the Stalinist regime), a traumatic experience that left him impotent.

Political tables turned, Bashov over the course of the novel, wheedles, cajoles, taunts, and tortures his victim, confiscating his property, threatening his domestic pets, wheeling in his mutilated father and the decomposed body of a woman Gurov is said to have murdered. At times, as he toasts and relives past experiences, Bashov seems to forget where he is and who is with him; at others, every emotion, every thought is directed at the single aim of killing his prey.

As the fragments of Bushov's 60-year life are pieced together, however, smatterings of pathos and humour infiltrate his narrative like so many official secrets. His actions, though grim, often seem to have been inspired by pure horror at the betrayal and egotism of others. Guilt, as he reconstructs past retributions, gradually becomes an overriding preoccupation. By the end of the novel, he has become less a monster of vituperative hate than a simple victim.

While *The War Zone* and *The Hand* are both dominated by a single ego, Paul Griffiths's **Myself and Marco Polo** is all about the subjugation of self, the negation of narrative voice. Rustichello, a scribe, is introduced to the great adventurer, languishing jadedly in a German jail, and sets about writing, embellishing, *creating* his story. The result, spanning *different* ages and many voices, follows journeys across land and sea, meetings with wise men and failed sages, philosophical conundrums and practical solutions. On the way, are slipped parodies of modern magazine restaurant reviews and travel features, essays on Chinese opera and Venetian architecture, and an extract from the San Francisco Pacific Bell Yellow Pages. It is all no doubt very clever, and does have a certain magpie allure, but what Paul Griffiths is trying to achieve by it all remains utterly confusing.

Far more straightforward is John Rowe Townsend's charming **Cranford Revisited**, a gentle tale of ordinary folk in an ordinary country town. On her retirement from the post of headmistress as Cranford Primary School, Miss Mary Smith decides to update the footsteps of predecessor, Miss Sigsworth (no prizes for guessing that this is really Mrs Gaskell), and "do for Cranford today what she did for it 100-odd years ago".

With wry, humorous strokes, Miss Smith covers her little piece of ivory with affectionate sketches of local inhabitants: the two teetotal Miss Maynards and their blackberry cordial; careworn Jenny Lester with her errant husband and erring son; the loggerhead neighbours Tom and Maud, whose garden-fence rows mature into OAP love. It is a world of Ladies Circles and centenary celebrations, busybodies and gossip, but beneath it lies a deeper vein of spinsterhood and adultery, unemployment and single parenthood.

Miss Mary Smith herself is the model of self-effacement, casting a cool, clear-headed note of rationality over the often cuckoo goings-on around her. Her unassuming demeanour makes the little clues about her new friendship with the retired bank-manager ("James stayed behind a moment or two after the meeting . . .") all the more heartwarming. This is a delightful book, eternal verities with a pinch of brown sugar.

NEW BOOKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books:

Cultivating Gentlemen, The Meaning of Country Life among the Boston Elite, 1785-1860, by Tamara Plakins Thornton (Yale, £25).
The English Reformation, new ed., by A. G. Dickens (Batsford, £25).
Hemingway, The Paris Years, by Michael Reynolds (Blackwell, £17.50) Young journalist, fledgling writer in his lively Twenties cockpit.
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Marc Bloch, A Life in History, by Carole Fink (Cambridge, £29.95).
Richard Aldington, a biography, by Charles Doyle (Macmillan, £19.95).
Shakespeare, The Four Romances, by Robert M. Adams (Norton, £14.95) Last plays of quest and conflict, mystery and scholarly crucos.
The Unquiet Countryside, edited by G. E. Mingay (Routledge, £30).

Pooterish epitaphs

Michael Wright

ABSENT FRIENDS
By Geoffrey Wheatcroft
Hamish Hamilton, £15.95

Geoffrey Wheatcroft's second book is a private literary cemetery, comprising 22 extended epitaphs on dead "friends". It is fat and purple and expensive, a book of disappointing fireworks with the odd exciting rocket or Roman candle. After two careful readings, my review copy is littered with marginalia, viz. — "Ugh" (40); "!" (19); "?" (15); "Yes" (13); "Hmmm" (6); "Eh?" (3); "Ha!" (3) — an unsound critical method, but one that reflects the bulldozing dogmatism of the author's approach.

The word "friend" has been used elastically, to include the briefest of acquaintances. A curious mix of predominantly male mediafolk, frequently homosexual or Jewish (or both), is anything but brought to life as Wheatcroft expands on a variety of subjects from anti-Semitism to authenticism in music, too often hiding behind the death-masks of his subjects.

There are successes, however. The first and longest chapter features a fascinating comparison between Gareth Bennet (he of the Crockford's preface scandal) and Francis Atterbury, the subject of one of his books. Wheatcroft reveals a historian's propensity for illuminating his subjects' lives through quotations from their own work. But this technique later founders, as an excessively long examination of the literary career of Dwight Macdonald sinks beneath a sustained barrage of heavy-duty quotation. The author's prose rarely manages to speak more eloquently than the 22 photographs of largely unfamiliar faces which haunt each other.

A rather foolhardy assessment of Philip Larkin suffers, paradoxically, as a result of the relative familiarity of its subject. This is the nadir of the book, with its wilting literary criticism, facile exegesis, warped sententiousness ("he was all of England, but an England which had ceased to exist, if it had ever existed"), and lank verbosity. It all smells of hasty journalese and remaindered bookshops.

Discussing music critic Hans Keller, Wheatcroft observes that "native English-speakers tend to use the language in speech or writing in a rough, impressionistic way," while elsewhere he describes himself as "a precocious natural pedant". The two tendencies fit unhappily side by side. The precosity of "he was delicate in his movements and always smelled sweetly of good soap," conflicts with the roughness of "it was sad, though also touching, when one person finds he cannot live without another," or "he described Cosima Wagner as he had once seen her plain, by then nearly 90". This is what Wheatcroft might call post-impressionistic grammar. Of Keller, we are told that "he created 'functional analysis', a system of wordless discussion of music by re-arrangement." Like Wheatcroft, with his historian's quotations, one might use this method to do a little ersatz functional analysis on *Absent Friends*:

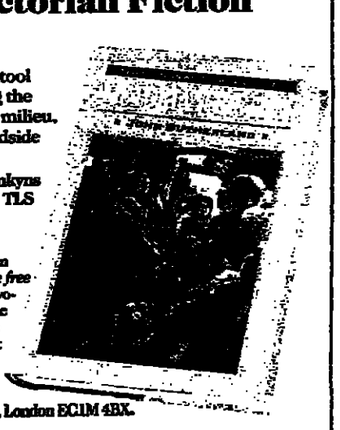
"In his somewhat Pooterish memoirs", — "he had a rare knack . . . of getting under the subject's skin, of capturing the real, inner likeness" — "his style was punchy, as well as witty and salty. It was highly individual" — "his books belong to that quite small category which can be read for literary as well as intellectual pleasure." Or "I cannot believe that the last . . . was included in anything other than a spirit of scornful irony." — "The book was" — "pretty insufferable" — "intellectually pretentious schlock."

But finally, perhaps: "It was not my place to say anything against this gruesome collection of subjects." — "We must see people in *their* terms to be fair to them." This would be a more interesting and less superfluous book if it only revealed less of its author's opinions and more of his ostensible subjects. Wheatcroft's terms are all too clear.

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THE ARTS

Spot the villains

TELEVISION
William Holmes

Dennis Potter is back, and in *Blackeyes* (BBC 2) he sets out to tell the story of a glamorous fashion model mercilessly exploited by those around her. The question is: do those around her include Dennis Potter? Call me a debased example of the human race if you like, but I have the greatest difficulty watching Gina Bellman display herself for the best part of 50 minutes without enjoying it.

I know I should feel revulsion as Blackeyes is ogled by a panel of advertising men auditioning for a new commercial. But Potter, who here directs his own work for the first time, as well as adding a voice-over, constructs the scene with a loving attention to the details of Blackeyes' attractiveness. No doubt the purpose of this is to draw attention to her tragic willingness to acquiesce in her own destructive destiny.

But two lovely black eyes are, as we soon discover, not the only two lovely things which Blackeyes has about her person. (Can this be the hidden message of the title?) Perhaps Potter's devilish trick is a subtle form of dramatic entrapment, by which we will later be made to pay the price for our voyeuristic delight with much brutality and unpleasantness.

At least, though, in last night's opening shot, unpleasantness is mainly confined to Michael Gough's decaying old writer Kingsley, who farts in bed ("now you know you're watching a British film," said the voice-over, when what it meant was that now we knew we were watching a Dennis Potter film) and has some deeply-buried obsession with his niece to unfold. She, Jessica (Carol Royle), is a real model who has provided him with the tittle-tattle of the fashion world on which he has based a successful exploitative novel.

It would be premature at this point to guess at what the plot is likely to be – more clues have been given in the acres of pre-hype than by anything in this first episode. Since Blackeyes herself has already (several times) wandered across a park and into a pond we may conclude that her end is not a happy one. But what about that chap from *The Young Ones* staring through the window at Jessica? Will the gorgeous real Jessica and the gorgeous fictional Blackeyes ever meet? If they do, I'm sure it will be deeply meaningful; well, I think it will.

Richard Morrison de-briefs Frederick Forsyth on his first foray into television writing

Spinning golden yarns

We met in "a recessed alcove of one of the public rooms in a very discreet West End hotel". It was not difficult to find; the directions are quite clear in chapter two of *The Fourth Protocol*. Frederick Forsyth has made himself rich – almost as rich, probably, as the shipping magnate Harald Wennerstrom in *The Devil's Alternative* – by weaving facts, or at least the mythology of newspaper headlines, into elaborately-detailed conspiracy theories, which his publisher calls novels. Now he is about to do the same thing on television.

On Saturday, ITV will show the first of six 90-minute thrillers in a new series called "Frederick Forsyth Presents". Forsyth has plotted them, and Murray Smith (scriptwriter for *The Paradise Club* and other underworldly epics) has done the dialogue.

Do the six have a unifying thread? "Not really," replies Forsyth. "There is one recurring character: a bit of an MI6 troubleshooter. But the head of MI6, or Control" – Forsyth likes to explain trade jargon for the benefit of new readers – "is not seen at all. Otherwise the theme is gross international skulduggery, terrorism, espionage, duplicity, disinformation techniques. You know, all in a good morning's work at *The Times*."

Is it easy to keep abreast of the latest trends in international skulduggery? "The episodes are all based on real or quasi-real incidents. By quasi I mean I have taken incidents from different times and places, and blended them together. An example: one episode begins with a certain British governor of a certain Caribbean colonial island being shot dead in his garden. Remember well?"

Luckily, Forsyth does not pause for a reply. "But we've brought the Sir Richard Sharples incident up to date, and blended it in with the secession of a little island called Anguilla. You must remember *that*. Then we've added a few Colombian cocaine barons, looking for a depot for their drugs traffic, and some narcotics police from Florida, and a poor detective superintendant trying to find who murdered the governor. We mixed all these elements together, and watched what happened."

What does happen? "Oh, skulduggery. And a modicum of violence to keep the Americans happy. You see, although *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy* and *Smiley's People* were enormously popular here, the Americans first could not understand a word, and second will not sit for seven hours watching Alec Guinness being subtle and oblique. There are 31 other channels for them to switch to."



Frederick Forsyth: "one has to mix with some rather nasty characters"

It transpires that the Americans are an important factor in this project, because an American company, Blair Communications, is one of London Weekend Television's co-backers. The programmes are already being sold widely overseas. Wherever whole populations have devoured *The Dogs of War* and *The Odessa File* (which means practically the entire non-Communist world) there are TV networks willing to bid ferociously for "Frederick Forsyth Presents". How good is the author of *The Negotiator* at negotiating his own price? "Well, I'll tell you that the Japanese alone are paying $100,000 per episode," says Forsyth contentedly. "It's a handsome deal."

Back to those well-blended plots. Saturday's episode blends the American bombing raid on Tripoli, a touch of IRA arms-dealing, gung-ho SAS types and beautiful women. "We've decided on a very high level of authenticity," asserts Forsyth.

A later programme takes the story of Carlos "the Jackal" – which is a neat illustration of art imitating nature imitating art. Having covered foreign parts for Reuters, the BBC and the *Daily Express*, Forsyth sat down for 35 days in 1970 and wrote *The Day of the Jackal*, inspired by an actual assassination attempt on De Gaulle which Forsyth covered when he was a Paris correspondent.

In 1975, a real assassin hijacked the OPEC ministers in Vienna. The British press nicknamed him Carlos the Jackal, after Forsyth's character. Now, Forsyth is using the real Carlos to create another *fictional* character. But let the master story-teller continue this tortuous tale:

"The word I have is that Carlos was paid two million dollars by the Libyans to kill the OPEC ministers. The word is also that the Saudis got a message to him, offering five million if he spared the hostages. So Carlos collected all seven. The word is also that the vengeful Libyans came after him, and he was only saved by his true masters."

Seasoned Forsyth scholars will already have a hunch about who the true masters might be. "The KGB. They got him out, and sent him for a long R and R in Cuba. Much later he re-emerged in Europe under another name – and was wasted."

Wasted as what? "He was silenced, eliminated," continues Forsyth patiently. "He became too greedy, and his KGB paymasters didn't like it." Here, the novelist lowers his voice, as he reveals the darkest strategies of the Kremlin. "The word is not that they hit him themselves, but that they withdrew their support and left him vulnerable."

Where, exactly, does Forsyth get all these "words" from? "Like all good journalists, one has contacts," he murmurs enigmatically, over the top of a gold cigarette holder. "And sometimes one has to mix with some rather tasty characters."

But isn't all this KGB paranoia rather outdated now? Surely *The Fourth Protocol* – about a KGB plan to subvert the British Labour Party and then sweep it to electoral triumph by causing a nuclear explosion at an American air base – could never have been written today? "No, it couldn't. I accept that you have to keep up to date."

Forsyth's tanned face clouds momentarily, then it brightens. "In fact, since Gorbachov came to power, KGB activity against the West has actually increased. But it's all industrial espionage now."

Perhaps, at that moment in a discreet West End hotel, a new Frederick Forsyth blockbuster was conceived.

● *Frederick Forsyth Presents is on ITV on Saturday at 8.05 pm*

Ideal compromise

CONCERTS
Barry Millington

LPO/Solti
Festival Hall

Even with the advent of *glasnost*, the problems of interpreting Shostakovich do not become any easier. There is a tendency for Western critics to assume that no mood of rejoicing, for example, can be taken at face value. Especially since the publication of Shostakovich's memoirs (a tendentious document, to say the least) we have been urged to seek irony and veiled criticism behind every note.

The Ninth Symphony is a case in point. Written in the summer of 1945, it formed the final part of the wartime trilogy that began with the siege-inspired "Leningrad" Symphony of 1941. Though a far cry from the conventional victory symphony, the work gains marginally in gravity when the full complement of strings is used, though in the West often it is not (the score prescribes up to 84 instruments, including 10-14 double basses).

On Tuesday night, with the LPO using a reasonably large body of strings, Sir Georg Solti found an ideal compromise: straightforward, genuine exuberance for the opening Allegro and the Scherzo, with a hint of something darker beneath the genial surface of the finale.

Would that Sir Georg, newly adorned with the prestigious Gold Medal of the Royal Philharmonic Society after the interval, had been better able to penetrate the surfaces of Tchaikovsky's "Pathétique" Symphony. But for all the exhibitionistic agitation of the first movement, the glittering elegance of the waltz, and the energetic scurrying of the march, (taken so fast that the rhythms were clipped rather than animated), this was a performance that rarely connected with the work's emotional spectrum.

The best interpretations of Tchaikovsky can persuade us that the composer's obsession with his supposedly flawed structures was misplaced: they are, in fact, bound together by a wealth of textural and rhythmic devices. But Solti's besetting sin has always been the highlighting of irrelevant detail; as a result the structural links were promoted to the forefront instead of serving their function of integration. A work whose expressive potency is essentially cumulative was thus reduced to a sequence of highly coloured tableaux.

Hilary Finch

COE/Végh
Barbican Hall

It was not a concert for the faint-hearted. After an overture, a concerto, a symphony and two intervals, the wind soloists of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe went on to work their way with unflagging vigour and imagination through the largest of Mozart's three Serenades. A similar layout is planned for tomorrow's concert; though the other three concerts in this orchestra's series are of more conventional length, if not content.

The Victorians, with their penchant for many courses, be they musical or gastronomic, would have taken it in their stride. But they did not have the COE, Sándor Végh and András Schiff to reckon with. This is music making which demands stamina of both its active and its passive participants; for the audience are drawn in to feel as much a part of it all as the players.

This young orchestra always brings a sense of moment to the London concert platform. Their tone of voice modulates subtly and fascinatingly in response to each of their different conductors, but it is always a voice which challenges.

With the veteran violinist and conductor Sándor Végh it became deeper, more robust: the lumbering, stooped figure of Végh conducts, baton-less, as if drawing on a wide sheet of paper with huge, soft crayons. As he feels his way deep into every phrase and through every texture, he thickens the bass line, only to release pressure in an almost weightless violin phrase, or in a sudden air-pocket created for a woodwind soloist. If at times there were tendencies to over-phrase in the slow movement of Mozart's Symphony No 39, the performance as a whole, in both detail and design, left its mark indelibly on the memory.

Végh meets his match in another equally voracious soloist, chamber musician and festival initiator, his compatriot, the pianist András Schiff. Their collaboration in Mozart is already well-documented on record, but with the COE, a three-way conversation springs to life. Schiff is never tempted to pretend that the piano is not a percussion instrument: this K467 Concerto rejoiced as much in the bounce, the spring and the weight of its writing as in its slim, cantabile outlines. Schiff and Végh turn to Beethoven tomorrow.

Thrilling fable finds its time

THEATRE
Irving Wardle

The Good Person of Sichuan
Olivier

The National Theatre has found an apt moment for reviving this play, though not, I think, for the reasons suggested in the programme which carries photographs of the Tiananmen Square dead and the cardboard box-dwellers under Waterloo Bridge. This parable is not about massacres; and it is a direct insult to associate the gentle-mannered Waterloo destitutes with the violent grasping down and outs of Brecht's Sichuan.

The theatre's management might take to heart that scene in the play where Shen Te holds up a child and invites the audience to take care of it instead of shedding aesthetic tears; if they are so concerned about the homeless on their own doorstep, they might do something more useful than taking photographs of them.

Our times, however, have swung round to endorse the central plot line, in which three gods descend to earth in search of a good person; and, having successfully concluded their fact-finding mission, leave her to her fate in a world seemingly constructed with the express purpose of making goodness a luxury of the rich.

This is an extension of market economy into the moral field: showing the trio of non-interventionist deities smugly proclaiming that "everything will work out" as they return to the higher regions leaving their favoured creature to face her future with a scream of despair.

Deborah Warner's production departs from previous English versions by incorporating material from Brecht's reworking of his original 1941 text. In that draft, Shen Te's worthless lover, Sun, winds up as a brutal foreman in her tobacco factory. Now he meets a more aptly ironic fate as an addicted victim of her opium business.

This too has its topical application. It also wonderfully sharpens up the play's moral antagonisms. When she pleads to the tribunal that everything she has done has been for the child's sake, a great and justifiable roar of outrage arises from her assembled victims: what about their children?

Perhaps I have said enough to indicate that this show fulfills the Brechtian essential. It makes you think. Set (by Sue Blane) in a whitewashed wasteland strewn with blocks of concrete, it has space, lightness, and swift changes of tone and rhythm that are continually pulling you back from emotional involvement to contemplate the events at long range. Its only technical weakness lies in the songs.

Otherwise the fable exerts a unbroken grip. Episodes such as the invasion of Shen Te's shop, with waves of cockroach-like scroungers overrunning the premises, or the ghastly mock-marriage with Pete Postlethwaite's Sun, develop on a knife-edge between the harrowing and the farcical. In the key role of Wang the Water-seller, Bill Paterson delivers a marvellous comic study in moral compromise.

Of Fiona Shaw's Shen Te, one can only say that she radiates uncomplicated spontaneous generosity, as much in her dealings with the parasites as when she turns to deliver direct address speeches on the overloading of her fragile lifeboat.

As Shui Ta, her voice drops an octave and she undergoes an unrecognizable transformation into a grinning masked entrepreneur. The scene in which she goes from one to the other in mid-song transmits the unearthly theatrical thrill that is as Brechtian as his dialectics.

DONALD COOPER



Fiona Shaw (Shen Te): radiates uncomplicated spontaneous generosity

Only fools and horses

DANCE
John Percival

Northern Ballet
Palace, Manchester

After *Cats*, here come the horses. Gillian Lynne's new work for Northern Ballet Theatre is called *Lipizzaner*, but instead of big white stallions she offers little grey fillies, with point shoes to paw the ground (and ponytails, of course).

A trainer falls in love with his charge. They sneak back into the empty training hall for a big duet, and when she finished it on his shoulders, it struck me this was the first time I had seen a horse riding its jockey. Christopher Gable looked suitably bemused as the supervisor discovering them.

There is a splendid setting by Tim Goodchild in which elegantly bare walls are relieved by a pompous coat of arms, chandeliers, and Austrian flags. Carl Davis provides a tinkly score and I am sure the work will be popular, particularly whenever Trinidad Sevillano and Patrick Armand are available as guest leads.

If you prefer choreography to build to climaxes instead of simply accumulating steps, and to carry some meaning, Ronald Hynd's *Liaisons Amoureuses* on the same bill will give you more satisfaction. Set in *fin de siècle* Paris, it shows two lovers who, finding themselves at adjoining tables in a smart establishment, manage to slip away from, respectively, husband and fiancée for a brief time together. By a neat twist these discarded encumbrances, nicely played by Antony Harith and Julia Sommers, seem to have the *jollier* time.

Hynd's dances are stylishly arranged and show the company well. After a porridgy overture, the Carl Davis-arranged Offenbach music is attractive. Peter Docherty's designs are full of glitter, with a view of the Eiffel Tower illuminated outside.

The evening's other premiere, *Strange Meeting*, allows the men of the company to play soldiers, 1914 style. Lez Brotherston's setting of fences and barbed wire looks good when in semi darkness. But Michael Pink's production is too shallow in its effects, too second-hand in its emotion.

Art of musical autopsy in reverse

ROCK
David Toop

John Zorn
Queen Elizabeth Hall

There can be little doubt that John Zorn's Naked City is the best band of its kind in the world. This is because it is the only band of its kind, but it is also a group with fluency in virtually all musical languages and a breathtaking ability to speak them all at once.

Zorn himself is a native New Yorker with a stage persona that vacillates between Woody Allen and Norman Mailer. If he decided to concentrate exclusively on playing the alto saxophone, he would be ranked as a great jazz talent. His vision extends beyond this, however. His work as a composer, which embraces original works, improvisation and idiosyncratic cover versions, is an extremely personal overview of music history. Sometimes he sketches minimal, violent fragments, to be played by the band as if its members were precision explosive experts. At other times he writes full, gorgeous arrangements of romantic pieces such as John Barry's "You Only Live Twice". Played with equal conviction, the extremes add up to a highly articulate view of our musical values.

Conducting like an executioner, Zorn drove Naked City through rapid over-lapping sequences of thrash jazz, heavy-metal melodrama, rock hoedowns, cocktail jazz, country boogie, Led Zeppelin tributes and surfing instrumentals. Henry Mancini's "Shot in the Dark" was treated like an autopsy in reverse, with guitarist Bill Frisell, drummer Joey Barron, bassist Fred Frith and keyboardist Wayne Horvetz exposing the components of the piece as noise elements before resolving them into the tune.

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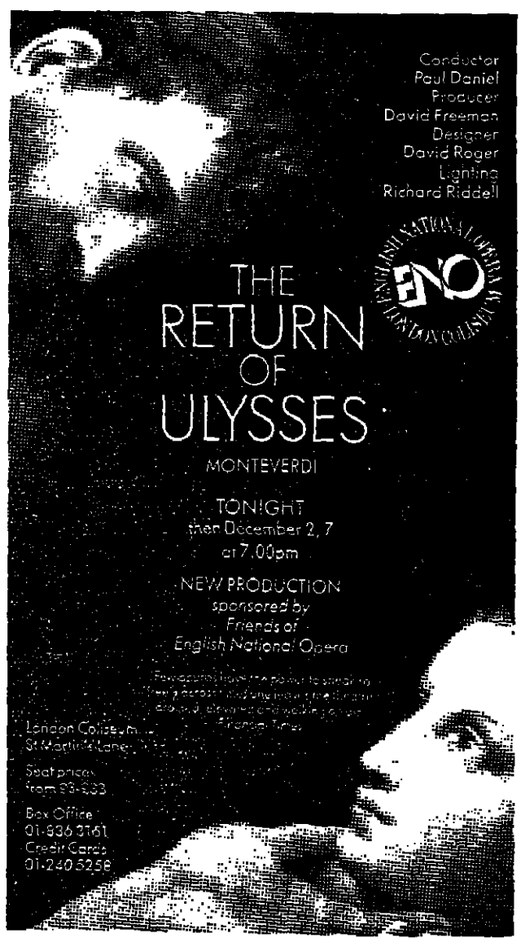
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CINEMA
David Robinson

When Harry Met Sally . . . (15, Odeon Haymarket) is an elegant, ingratiating, comic essay on love, sex and friendship. The fateful day of their meeting was, we discover, in 1977 when, as college students, Harry and Sally shared a car ride from Chicago to New York. They thoroughly disliked each other; and did not much change their views when they met again in 1982.

But in 1989, or thereabouts, both divorced from their respective partners, they are getting on much better, amiably hanging out together, in apparent defiance of Harry's principle that men and women cannot be friends without the intrusion of sex.

The audience, of course, recognizes long before Harry and Sally that they have really been in love all the time.

The shock of the discovery — one night when, after 11 years, they end up in bed together — practically puts an end to their friendship and all else. Oddly enough, for the audience too, some of the delight of the earlier part of the film evaporates at this moment of sexual truth. The saga of Harry and Sally is punctuated (and commentated) with straight-to-camera statements (it is not clear if these are documentary or acted) by aged couples who remember how *they* first met and what followed afterwards.

Nora Ephron's script is not so bitchy as *Heartburn* and a lot funnier than *Cookie*; but it is the execution that matters. Rob Reiner's direction is feather-light, precisely paced and with fine appreciation of the sharp New Yorkisms of the dialogue. Reiner's Manhattan is quite different from Woody Allen's; but still a beautiful backdrop for romantic comedy, with its grand restaurants and chequer-cloth cafés, ballrooms and lofts, Central Park in spring or under snow.

The principal charm is the nonstop duologue and perfect coupling of Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan. Crystal is revealed as a precise comic actor, even while he is patently aware that he is irresistibly cute; and Meg Ryan, forever on the edge of panic, is a match for him. They convincingly present a couple too much trapped in their social attitudes and the obligations of sophistication to recognize their own feelings — a handicap happily not shared by their best friends and invaluable confidantes, Marie and Jess (Carrie Fisher and Bruno Kirby).

Authentic, but a little vague

Venus Peter (12, Cannon Tottenham Court Road) calls out a lot of sympathy. It has the merit of being a new British film in a year when production has dwindled to 23 features of mostly indifferent quality. It is, moreover, authentically and indigenously Scottish, shot in the Orkneys. It is a first film for Christopher Young, the producer, and Ian Sellar, the director.

The modest budget was contributed by the Scottish Film Production Fund, Channel 4, the British



Venus Peter: Gordon Strachan

Film Institute, the Orkney Islands Council, British Screen and a lot of private investors who contributed £50 apiece.

It is a disarming little tale in its wispy island way. Venus Peter is a small boy, baptized in salt water and bewitched by the sea. It is mostly through his eyes that we see the life of the island township. He is surrounded by a vaguely defined family — they might be aunts or uncles or cousins — including a formidable but fascinating old matriarch and a fisherman grandfather with whom he has a special complicity. In the background is his absentee father, whom he imagines as a romantic sea captain.

The community is rich in eccentrics, including a deaf mute and a crazy woman whom the churchwarden picturesquely but inexplicably bathes naked in the graveyard; a dragon school mistress whose sudden death brings joy to the village children; and her young successor (Sinead Cusack) who inspires Peter with a passion for art until he is disappointed to spy her (naked) with a lover.

It is hard to know whether the vagueness of the story and the period (it might be any time between 30 and 50 years ago) result from the child's-eye view or from a degree of ineptitude in the direction and scripting (by Sellar with Christopher Rush, author of the original novel *A Twelvemonths and a Day*). Since some of the puzzles are cleared up in the publicity synopsis, the latter must play some part.

Sellar uses nine-year-old Gordon R Strachan with great skill to exploit the boy's odd whimsical charm — most apparent in his scenes with the sorely missed Ray McAnally. Aided by Gabriel Beristain's camera, Sellar is good too at evoking the atmosphere of the island, remote in distance as in time, both in the wide dramatic landscapes and the cramped interiors.

Only last week, writing about *Field of Dreams*, I was warning of the onset of that mysticism which is symptomatic of the end of every century. It reappears, of all places, in *Ghostbusters II* (PG, Odeons Leicester Square and Marble Arch). Here, as before, are Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd and their crazy gang, still in business as paranormal-pest destroyers. New York is once again menaced by a plague of mischievous ghosts.

The new element is a fairy story as mystic and moral as *The Blue Bird*. The ghosts breed in a subterranean river of slime formed out of all the ill humours of the citizens of New York — whose inalienable right, their mayor declares, "is to be miserable and to treat every fellow citizen like dirt". The river and its evil spirits are dispelled only when New Yorkers are rallied by the Statue of Liberty to a great demonstration of goodwill and a resounding chorus of "Auld Lang Syne".

Alongside the mysticism, American obsessions with toilet matters are also to the fore in the symbolism of the river of slime that oozes out of the drains; as in concern with the bowel movements of a characterful baby which, in the wake of Hollywood's baby boom, has joined the gang.

There are some striking special effects: the docking of the ghost of the Titanic, the Statue of Liberty stalking the avenues and the red fog of evil that smothers the city. And for those who are still 15, in years or spirit, Bill Murray may well be the wittiest wise-cracker in the business.

The fashion for thrillers about people menaced by the mentally disturbed seems happily to have passed; which is why *Hider in the House* (18, Cannons Haymarket, Oxford Street) has a look of *déjà vu* going on archaic. It is a tall story. Gary Busey is a registered psychopath and patricide who secrets himself in the attic of a suburban house. The unobservant family fail to notice his prowlings or the conversion of their rosebeds into a cemetery, until the predictable near-thing finale. The players (Busey, Mimi Rogers and some nice children) and the staging of bourgeois domesticity keep it just about watchable.

Deepstar Six (15, Cannons Panton Street, Oxford Street) is a good deal less watchable, the uncompelling adventures of an overwrought ocean research team stuck at the bottom of the sea, where they are building a missile launch site. When they disturb the lair of a prehistoric monster, most of the crew meet gory ends; while the tempers of the survivors understandably deteriorate.

The film makers were clearly so pre-occupied with the fascinating problems of underwater shooting and special effects that they paid little heed to script. The dialogue veers between incomprehensible pseudo-technological jargon and four-letter brawling with very little in between. The director, Sean S. Cunningham, first came to prominence as the creator of *Friday The 13th*, and his sensibilities have not changed much since.

A 'granny' finds fulfilment in Mexico

Peter Guttridge talks to Jackie Burroughs on her acclaimed role in *A Winter Tan*



Chasing love: Jackie Burroughs, writer, co-director and star of *A Winter Tan*, the story of Maryse Holder

Jackie Burroughs has a nice sense of irony. "I've been playing granny since I was 27," says the Canadian actor. "And now that I'm almost a granny myself, I get to play a part with romance, love and sex in it."

Burroughs is lead player, writer and co-director of *A Winter Tan*, a remarkable Canadian film made co-operatively by five film-makers. Since its Canadian release last year, the film, which is to go to regional theatres in Britain from the beginning of January, has won awards all over the world.

Adapted by Burroughs from *Give Sorrow Words*, the posthumous letters of Maryse Holder, *A Winter Tan* describes Holder's holiday from her feminist ideals when she went to Mexico as a "sexual tourist", writing of her experiences to a friend.

The film is an intense experience. Burroughs, on screen virtually the whole time, inhabits rather than acts her part. Indeed the film's power lies precisely in the unflinching honesty of her performance as she shows the increasing emotional desperation of her character.

Its a performance that has won her awards in France, Germany and Canada. Critics in Canada, where she won an Oscar-equivalent Genie, have long been impressed by her work; long enough for them to refer to her performance as "another" *tour de force*.

Frank, articulate and amusingly self-depreciating, Burroughs has been winning Canadian awards for 20 years. Born in Southport, Lancashire, she emigrated to Canada when she was 13 and took up dancing when she was 20. She took acting seriously only when her marriage broke up.

She made her film début in the early Seventies in Don Owen's *Notes for a Film About Donna and Gail*. "After that I sank into obscurity," she says wryly. In fact, she spent the Seventies giving inspired performances at the Stratford Theatre in Ontario, making only occasional forays into film to play the odd granny.

Her appearance in Phillip Borsa's *Grey Fox* in the early Eighties brought her to the attention of an audience outside Canada but she was not tempted to make the move to Hollywood. "Success in a film like *Grey Fox* doesn't really lead anywhere, but Canada suits my nature because there's more freedom here," she says.

Her independent nature led to her producing *A Winter Tan*. "It was such an interesting idea to get a few people together and make your own film. We produced it and that's an interesting little world. There is that pressure of being responsible for every mistake."

Burroughs and her colleagues got funding from the Canada Council, Ontario Arts Council and the Ontario Film Development Corporation. The five of them made it on time, within budget in 1986 and 1987. "We all did everything."

Conflicts were ironed out in pre-production. "We did a year and half's pre-production's so we had all our fights before we shot a single scene. We made some rules — for example, my dialogue had to be all Holder's words."

They shot the film in Mexico in 20 days. "When we got to Mexico we knew what we were going for. So we would just go into restaurants and shoot. We were shooting in Super 16 so we did not have a huge lighting problem."

To save money they lived three in a room. "The Mexican censor stayed in my room. We were obliged to have a censor to say what we could shoot, and he became part of our unit. He didn't care what my character did, he was only concerned that we didn't show poverty." They picked up extras as they went along. "We tried not exploit anyone — we always explained what we were doing, but nobody in Mexico was ignorant of the situation in which an older American woman chases Mexican boys."

The collaboration went off virtually without a hitch. "Films are collaborative anyway — we just recognized that," she says. "We are proud of the way we did it. It's exactly the film we wanted to make."

Burroughs did not find her role particularly exhausting. "I'd been performing the letters in galleries and odd places for a long time. I'd been living with the material for four years. It didn't feel like an acting job or putting on a character.

"I think I loved Holder and admired her even though she could be stupid. I think I like the way she spoke her mind. I'm not in the same sexual direction as she, perhaps — though I don't know. There must have been something in those letters that really hit me hard."

Burroughs still feels flat after the experience. She is now filming a Walt Disney television series in Toronto. "I play a spinster aunt — of course. And I'm doing it entirely for the money. It will pay for me to live in Mexico for two years."

There she will work on a project, again based on letters. "I'm interested in Jane Bowles, wife of the writer Paul Bowles. She was a lesbian, he was gay and they apparently had a wonderful marriage. I think I should be able to make something out of that."

Late accolade for Britons

Twenty-two countries televised Saturday night's European Film Awards live from Paris. England (with Albania and Romania) was not among them.

At first sight this might suggest a further widening of the Channel. In the event it showed sensible foresight. When the ceremony was eventually shown in the small hours of Tuesday morning, Channel 4 had been able to cut out at least some of the mistakes and hold-ups and kitsch, and reduce the three hours suffered by Continentals to two.

Even so, we *are* apathetic about our cinema and its place in Europe. Monday midnight is hardly peak viewing time, and any other country winning the European Actress of the Year Award would have splashed it on Monday's front pages. Ruth Sheen's triumph rated hardly a foot of column note at home. She won this "European Oscar" for her role in Mike Leigh's *High Hopes*, the only film to take more than one award in Paris — the others for Best Supporting Performance (Edna Doré) and European Composer of the Year (Andrew Dickson).

Edna Doré deserved an extra award for the most winning acceptance speech. "I've been an actress for 50 years, and the only prize I've ever had in England is a senior citizen's bus pass". The Best European Film of the Year was Theo Angelopoulos's *Landscape in the Mist*; the best actor, Philippe Noiret for *Life and Nothing But* (still running at the Renoir and Chelsea cinemas).

The European Documentary of the Year was the Hungarian *Recsk 1950-53 — The Story of a Secret Forced Labour Camp* by Geza Böszömenyi and Livia Gyarmathy. Shown last week at the London Film Festival, this is perhaps the most precise analysis ever seen on film of the mechanics of persecution.

Like the American Academy of Film and Television Arts, which organizes the Hollywood "Oscars", the organizers and jury for the European Film Awards are all practitioners: this year's jury consisted of two actors, three directors, a cameraman and a composer. Professionals provide the glamour necessary to excite the public, but (as the director of the Scottish Film Production Fund complained last week) they tend not to see many films — which goes to explain one or two peculiar awards, best overlooked.

Now in their second year, the European Film Awards are part of a grand strategy to promote the idea of a united European cinema as defence against wholesale Hollywood colonization. Saturday's gala in the Théâtre des Champs-Elysées was an overt celebration of overt chauvinism. There were tributes to European



The best actor: Philippe Noiret

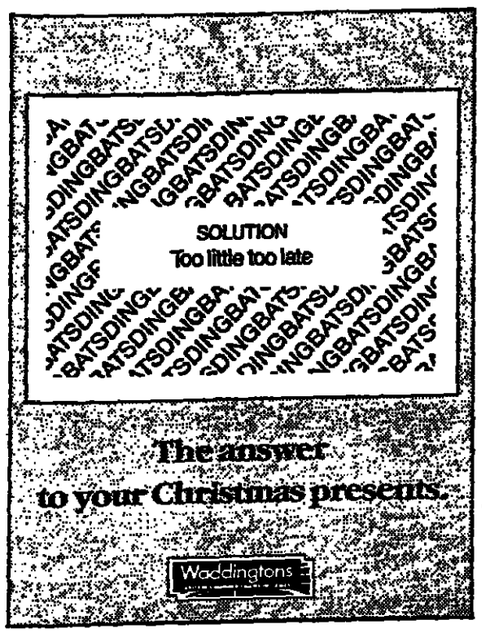
silent cinema, to European comics, to the surviving Immortals (or at least, Ancients) of French cinema, to Laurence Olivier, to European literature, to Fellini.

An odder gesture was the tribute of one enforced exile from Hollywood, Roman Polanski, to another, Ingrid Bergman. The women's clubs forced Bergman out of America in 1950 when she had a baby by Roberto Rosselini: Polanski cannot return because of charges against him for sexual offences.

The British — or at least some of them — are doing their bit for European cinema. Prominent in the European Film Society which organizes the event are Lindsay Anderson, Sir Richard Attenborough, Stephen Frears, Ben Kingsley, David Puttnam and David Rose of Channel 4.

We must get our act together for 1990, when European cinema will cross the Channel. The third European Film Awards are to be held next November in Glasgow. The organizers, looking on in France, were confident that they could do better than the French.

David Robinson



VIDEO BOX
Geoff Brown

A selection of films recently released on video. The date relates to the year of first release in the cinema or, in the case of television films, of first broadcast.

. . . AND JUSTICE FOR ALL (Parkfield 15): Strenuous assault on the American legal system, lurching between wild farce and hand-wringing despair; with Al Pacino as a lawyer forced to defend an ogrish judge (Jack Warden) on a rape charge. Co-written by Barry Levinson before he ascended to the director's chair. 1979.

BLACKOUT (Channel 5, 18): Can that nice, amnesiac car crash victim with the restructured face really be the missing maniac who slaughtered his family? With Keith Carradine as star, the answer is obvious, though this TV thriller plods on regardless. Douglas Hickcox directs for superficial thrills: Richard Widmark huffs and puffs as a grizzled ex-cop. 1985.

CROSSING DELANCEY (Warner, PG): A Jewish yuppie (Amy Irving) is unmarried at 33, so her harridan grandmother (Sylvia Miles) hires a matchmaker. Warm-hearted version of Susan Sandler's play, directed by Joan Micklin Silver *(Hester Street)*; with Peter Riegert as the targeted husband. 1988.

THE EDGE OF TERROR (Channel 5, 15): Spunky thriller writer Meg Foster goes on a Greek vacation, only to find her self-assurance shattered by howling winds, a deranged killer, and Robert Morley. Staged without flair. 1986.

FLETCH LIVES (CIC, PG): Some Bible Belt satire enlivens this patchy sequel with Chevy Chase as a flip reporter investigating nefarious doings in the Deep South. With Hal Holbrook and Julianne Phillips. Michael Ritchie directs. 1989.

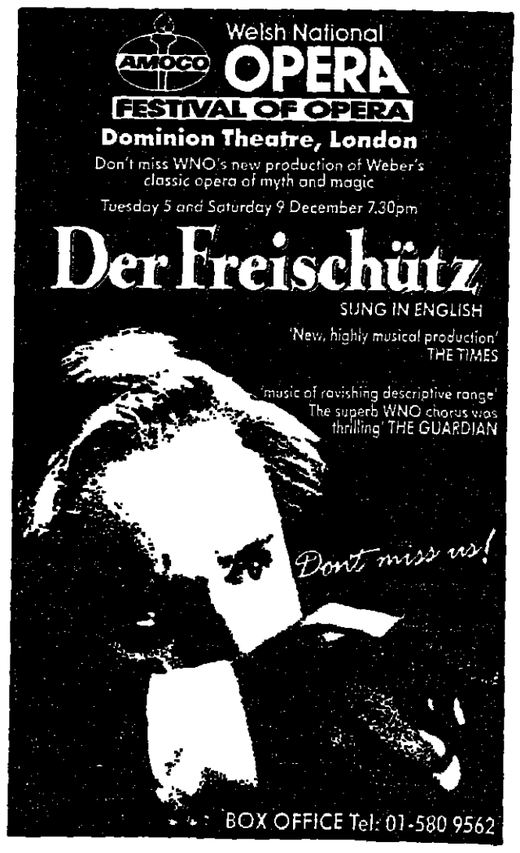
GET SMART AGAIN (Braveworld, PG): Twenty years after Mel Brooks and Buck Henry's deadpan spy spoof ended its first television run, Don Adams and Barbara Feldon return in a TV movie stamped with much of the original's simple, zany humour. Adams's new mission: to rescue Dr Hottentot's weather machine from the KAOS organization. 1989.

GHOST CHASE (Medusa, PG): Lame stab at a supernatural comedy, part aimed at kiddies, part aimed at horror buffs. Germany's Roland Emmerich directs Jason Lively and Tim McDaniel — struggling teenage film-makers encouraged by a ghost to chase a stolen inheritance. 1989.

THE PROFESSIONALS (Parkfield, 15): Robust Western from writer-director Richard Brooks, boasting crisp photography, taut action, and a goodly crop of nonsense stars. With Burt Lancaster, Lee Marvin and Robert Ryan as mercenaries hired to pluck Claudia Cardinale from Jack Palance's hands. 1966.

RETURN OF THE KILLER TOMATOES (New World, 15): Another spoof of low-budget sci-fi from the team who gave the world *Attack of the Killer Tomatoes*. Anthony Starke plays the pizza delivery boy hero; newcomer Karen Mistal portrays a tomato transformed into a woman by gene experiments. 1988.

SHAME (OASIS, 15): A woman barrister, on holiday with her motorbike in the Australian outback, decides to fight back against sexual harassment. Strong first feature from director Steve Jodrell, with a gutsy central performance from Deborah-Lee Furness. 1989.



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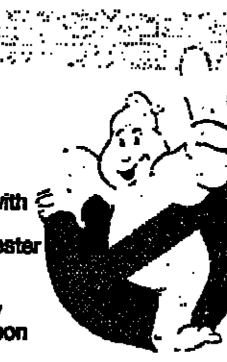
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INFORMATION *for* DECEMBER

FRIDAY

1 **Rock:** Alexander O'Neal at Wembley Arena, London (to 4th, 6th-9th).
Cinema: *Ghostbusters II*: more absurd adventures with the paranormal investigators. Odeon Leicester Sq, London; *When Harry Met Sally* (15): engaging romantic comedy with Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan Odeon Haymarket, London.



8 **News:** European Summit, Strasburg (and tomorrow); National Union of Students conference in Blackpool (to 11th).
Opera: Opera North's new production of *Show Boat* at Grand Theatre, Leeds.
Jazz: John Zorn at RNCM, Manchester; Chris Barber at Queen's Hall, Edinburgh.
Cinema: *Mystery Train*: Typically laid-back episodic film from cult director Jim Jarmusch, set in a rundown Memphis hotel where the ghost of Elvis Presley looms large. Lumière Cinema, London.

15 **Cinema:** *Oliver and Company*: Disney cartoon. Odeon West End, London.
Theatre: Ben Travers's *Thark*, with Griff Rhys Jones (right). Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, London.
Gallery: Inigo Jones: Architect. Royal Academy of Arts, London (to Feb 25).



22 **Cinema:** *Earth Girls Are Easy*: Wild musical comedy with Geena Davis and Geoff Goldblum. Prince Charles Cinema, London.
Dance: Royal Ballet production of *Cinderella*. Covent Garden, London.
Theatre: *Aladdin* (right), with Cilla Black and Bob Carolgees. Wimbledon Theatre, (to Jan 28).

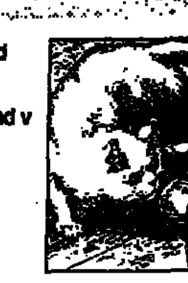


29 **Cinema:** *Ganashatru*: Satyajit Ray's updated treatment of Ibsen's play *An Enemy of the People* with Soumitra Chatterji as a crusading doctor. Renoir Cinema, London.
Concert: James Blair conducts the London Concert Orchestra in an all-Tchaikovsky programme. Barbican Centre, London.
Rock: Chris Rea at Brighton Centre.
Sport: Hockey: Indoor international men's tournament (to 30th).

SATURDAY

2 **Sport:** Motor Sport: British rally cross grand prix, Brands Hatch (and tomorrow); Ice Hockey: Norwich Union Cup final, Murrayfield Racers v Durham Wasps, Basingstoke.
Rock: The Screaming Blue Messiahs at Roadmenders, Northampton; Erasure at SECC, Glasgow (and tomorrow).
Opera: Glyndebourne Touring Opera's tour ends with a performance of *Death in Venice* by Britten at Norwich Theatre Royal.

9 **Sport:** Football: World Cup draw, Rome; FA Cup second round; Rugby Union: Scotland v Romania and Scotland B v Ireland B, at Murrayfield.
News: Bush/Gorbachov summit, Malta.
Event: National Cat Club Show. Olympia, London.



16 **Concert:** The Sixteen Choir and Orchestra perform the annual *Messiah* by Handel . St John's, Smith Square, London.
Rock: Alexander O'Neal at G-Mex, Manchester; Erasure at Whitley Bay Ice Rink.
Sport: Badminton: English Championships, Crawley (to 19th).
Gallery: Folly and Vice – The Art of Satire and Social Criticism. Bolton Museum and Art Gallery (to Feb 3).

23 **Event:** Gerry Cottle's All New Christmas Circus. Wembley Centre (to Jan 14).
Sport: Rugby Union: England B v Soviet Union, Northampton; Racing: Welsh Grand National, Chepstow.



30 **Concert:** Afternoon performance of Howard Blake's *The Snowman* (right) by the Sinfonia of London, presented by Roy Castle. Barbican Centre, London.
News: New Year Honours announced.



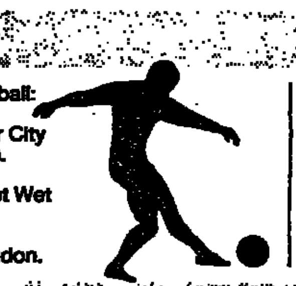
SUNDAY

3 **Sport:** Football: Arsenal v Manchester United (live on ITV); Cyclo cross: International meeting, Eastway Circuit, Stratford; Hockey: National knockout men's club championship, various venues.
Event: Advent Procession at Ripon Cathedral Yorkshire, 6.30pm; Royal Smithfield Show, Earl's Court, London (to 7th).
Jazz: Mike Gibbs Orchestra at Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham.

10 **Concert:** John Eliot Gardiner (right) conducts The Philharmonia. Festival Hall, London.
Rock: Erasure at London Arena (and tomorrow); Alice Cooper at Wembley Arena, London (and tomorrow).



17 **Sport:** Football: Everton v Manchester City (live on ITV).
Rock: Pat Metheny at Manchester Apollo; Wet Wet Wet at London Arena.
Concert: Teddy Bear's Concert. Barbican, London.



24 **Event:** Austin Brothers Circus. Hippodrome Tent, Battersea Park, London (to Jan 14).
Concert: Christmas Eve concert and Mass. St Clement Danes Church, Strand, London.



31 **Event:** New Year's Special, Embasy Steam Railway, Skipton, Yorkshire (and tomorrow).
Rock: Gary Glitter at London Arena.



MONDAY

4 **Concert:** Maria Ewing sings Beethoven and narrates Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*. Barbican Centre, London.
Sport: Tennis: Masters Doubles championships, Albert Hall, London (to 10th).
Theatre: *Barnaby and the Old Boys* with Jill Gascoine (right). Vaudeville Theatre, London.

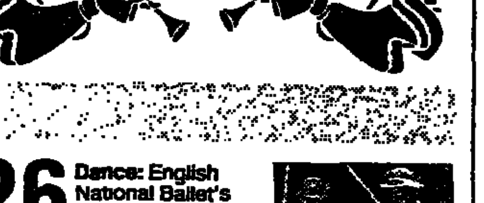


11 **Rock:** Alexander O'Neal at National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham (and tomorrow); Status Quo (below) at SECC, Glasgow.



18 **Theatre:** *Aladdin*, with Michael Barrymore and Frank Bruno at the Dominion Theatre, London *for* six weeks.
Opera: Revival of *Der Freischütz* at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London; *Porgy and Bess* at the Pavilion, London (to Jan 6).
Concert: Andrew Davis conducts the BBC SO in Prokofiev, Stravinsky and Shostakovich. Festival Hall, London.
Rock: Marillion at Hammersmith Odeon.
Jazz: Pat Methany at Usher Hall, Edinburgh.

25 **Christmas Church Services:** Westminster Abbey, London, Eucharist 10.30am, Canterbury Cathedral, Kent, Eucharist 11am.



TUESDAY

5 **Theatre:** *Treasure Island* with Frank Windsor as Long John Silver. Mermaid Theatre, London.
Opera: Scottish Opera with *The Marriage of Figaro*, at Theatre Royal, Glasgow;
Gallery: Anne Redpath (1895-1965): colourful Scottish modernism. Portland Gallery, London (to Dec 20).



12 **Concert:** London Sinfonietta Voices perform Xenakis, Kalitzke and Obst. Queen Elizabeth Hall, London.
Theatre: *Winnie the Pooh* and Enid Blyton's *Noddy* in repertory at the Playhouse Theatre, London; *The Liar*, by Corneille with Alex Jennings and directed by Jonathan Miller at Old Vic Theatre, London (to Feb 3).
Sport: Rugby Union: Oxford v Cambridge, Twickenham.

19 **Dance:** Opening of Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet three week season.Sadler's Wells Theatre, London.
Rock: Erasure at National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham; David Byrne at Brixton Academy (and tomorrow); Status Quo at Wembley Arena, London.



26 **Dance:** English National Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker*. Festival Hall, London.
Sport: Racing: King George VI Steeplechase, Kempton Park.
Event: Traditional Mummers play and Morris dancing display, Northampton.



WEDNESDAY

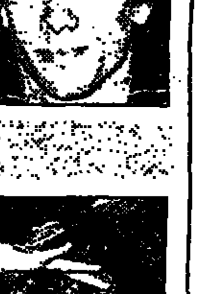
6 **Opera:** Prokofiev's *The Love for Three Oranges*. Coliseum, London.
Sport: Tennis: Maureen Connolly Trophy, Great Britain v United States for women under 21 (to 8th).
Theatre: *Cinderella*, with Jimmy Cricket Darlington Civic Theatre (to Feb 3).
Rock: Deacon Blue at Caird Hall, Dundee.

13 *Alice in Wonderland*. Northcott Theatre, Exeter (to Jan 27).
Sport: Football: England v Yugoslavia, Wembley, London; Boxing: European Featherweight championship, West Kirby, Merseyside.



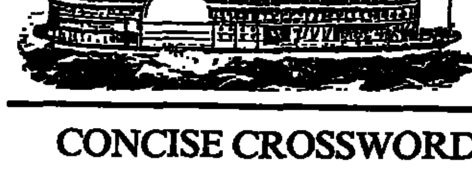
20 **Theatre:** *Babes in the Wood*, with Roy Hudd, Geoffrey Hughes and Lyn Paul. Theatre Royal, Bath (to Jan 28).
Rock: Deacon Blue at G-Mex, Manchester.
Concert: London Symphony Orchestra perform with Nana Mouskouri. Barbican Centre, London.
Gallery: Chris Killip: Working at Pirelli. Victoria and Albert Museum, London (to Mar 18).

27 **Theatre:** *Barnum*, the "Big Top Musical" with Peter Duncan (right). Shepherd's Bush Green, London, (to Jan 14).
Sport: Racing: Top Rank Christmas Hurdle, Kempton Park; Rugby: Leicester v Barbarians, Aylestone Rd.



THURSDAY

7 **Dance:** Premiere of *The Prince of the Pagodas*. Covent Garden, London.
Theatre: London Studio Theatre's *Show Boat*. Wimbledon Theatre, London.

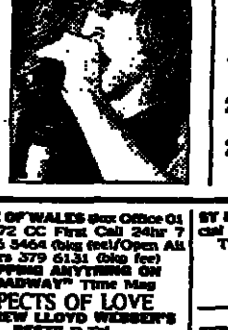


14 **Theatre:** *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* with Marti Caine at the Pavillion, Bournemouth (to Jan 21); *Jack and the Beanstalk* at Grand Theatre, Blackpool (to Jan 13); *'Allo 'Allo* is back for a final run. Palladium, London (to Jan 27).
Equestrianism: Olympia Horse Show, London (to 18th).
Event: Fantastic Creatures Exhibition. Natural History Museum, London (to June 1).

21 **Rock:** Texas at Barrowlands, Glasgow.
Event: The Late Late Christmas Shopping Show, Olympia (to 24th).



28 **Rock:** Bon Jovi (right)/The Dan Reed Network at National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.
Sport: Ice Hockey: Great Britian v Belgium, Nottingham (also tomorrow at Durham).



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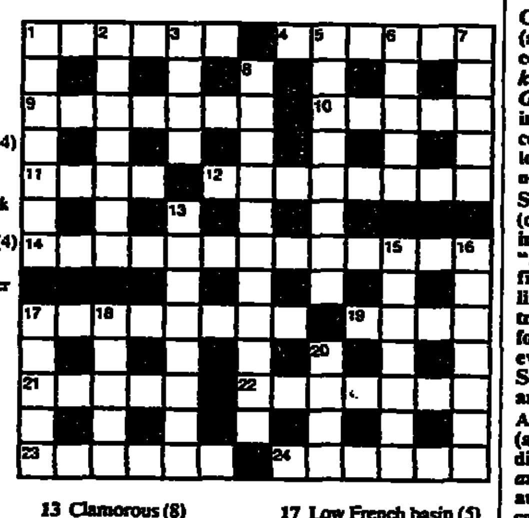
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8 James Galway 50; Geoff Hurst 48.
9 Judi Dench 55; Kirk Douglas 73.
10 Dorothy Lamour 75; Olivier Messiaen 81.
11 Brenda Lee 45; Cliff Michelmore 70.
12 Tracy Austin 27; Frank Sinatra 74.
13 Sir Terence Beckett 66; Anoushka Hempel 48
14 Barbara Leigh-Hunt 54; Lee Remick 54.
15 Michael Bogdanov 51; Ida Haendel 65.
16 Arthur C. Clarke 72; Stephanie Lawrence 36.
17 Christopher Cazenove 44; Kerry Packer 52.
18 Willy Brandt 76; Merlyn Rees 69.
19 Syd Little 47; Edmund Purdom 65.
20 Jenny Agutter 37; Sir Geoffrey Howe 63.
21 Chris Evert 35; Jane Fonda 52.
22 Dame Peggy Ashcroft 82; Noel Edmonds 41.
23 Queen of Sweden 46; Maurice Denham 80.
24 Colin Cowdrey 57; Ava Gardner 67.
25 Princess Alexandra 53; Kenny Everett 45.
26 Denis Quilley 62; Jane Lapotaire 45.
27 Janet Street-Porter 43; Sir Norman Reid 74.
28 Roy Hattersley 57; Maggie Smith 55.
29 Bernard Cribbins 61; Marianne Faithfull 43.
30 Gordon Banks 52; David Bedford 40; Sir David Wilcocks 70; Vladimir Bukovsky 47.
31 John Denver 46; Anthony Hopkins 52.

ANNIVERSARIES

2 Britain's first 22 public telephone boxes came into service (1929).
4 China's Supreme People's Court pardoned 33 war criminals, including former Emperor Pu-Yi (1959).
9 The UN approved the internationalization of Jerusalem (1949).
10 Mother Theresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in Stockholm (1979).
13 The Israeli government moved the capital from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem (1949).
21 Rhodesia became a British colony again and was re-named Zimbabwe (1979).
26 Einstein published his new *Generalised Theory of Gravitation* (1949).

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 2040



ACROSS
1 Mortar grinder (6)
4 Shriek (6)
9 Superficial (7)
10 Encounters (5)
11 Epsom fillies classic (4)
12 Secluded (8)
14 Premier league (5.8)
17 Medieval animal book (8)
19 Pork luncheon meat (4)
21 Rummage (5)
22 Oxford Univ. member (7)
23 Score (6)
24 Fatal (6)

DOWN
1 Trade with fake (4.3)
2 Shirker (7)
3 Jaunty rhythm (4)
5 Find fault (8)
6 Bring to bear (5)
7 Pondered (5)
8 Severe protein deficiency (11)
13 Clamorous (8)
15 Publisher's mark (7)
16 Theoretical (7)
17 Low French basin (5)
18 Balm (5)
20 Alone (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 2039
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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

CTENOPHILE
(a) Someone who likes combs, from the Greek *kteis, ktenos* a comb + *phile*; *Gravity's Rainbow*: "Making a show of looking for his comb which is, as usual, lost, suspect is known as notorious ctenophile."

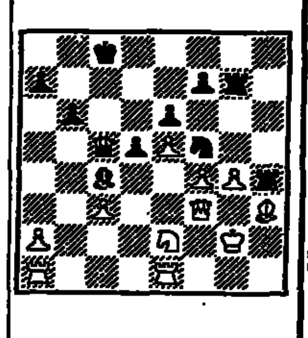
STAGIRITE
(c) Aristotle, who was born in Stagira in Macedonia: "Merlin, though he has no fiendish blood, be is long-lived through his lack of traffic with other humanity, for all men would live for ever, if they were not, as the Stagirite hath said, social animals."

AUDACULOUS
(a) Slightly bold, from the diminitutive of the Latin *audax* bold: "We teach their audaculous hands the delicate tricks of love-making."

VIATIC
(b) Of the road, travelling, from the Latin *via* a road: "Hitchhiking Man, *Homo pollex* of science, with all its many sub-species and forms: the modest soldier, quietly conscious of khaki's viatic appeal."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is from the game between Horvath (White) against Baldy (Black) Budapest earlier this year. Black plays and wins. The answer will be given in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: White wins with 1 Qxg6.

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NATIONAL THEATRE 01 928 2252 Grps 01 620 0741 24hr cc bkg fee: 240 7200
OLIVIER Ton't. Tomor 7.15 THE GOOD PERSON OF SICHUAN Brecht.
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LES MISERABLES
THE MUSICAL SENSATION Eves 7 30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval "FIGHT TO GET A TICKET" LBC NOW BOOKING TO SEPT '90

PICCADILLY 867 1118 cc 867 1111/379 4444 741 9999 bkg fee DOROTHY TUTIN & PETER McENERY 'Superb in Sondheim's Smash' Ind SUSAN HAMPSHIRE ERIC FLYNN "Enchanting" "Excellent" What's On Guardian LILA KEDROVA "Irresistible" Times
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by STEPHEN SONDHEIM WINNER 1989 EVENING STANDARD SPECIAL AWARD "Haunting, hilarious and brilliant" S Times Eves 7 45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0 NOW BOOKING TO MARCH '90

PLAYHOUSE BO & cc 839 4401 cc 240 7200 bkg fee Group Sales 930 6123
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Mon - Sat 8pm Prevs from Jan 10 Opens Jan 16

PRINCE OF WALES Box Office 01 839 5972 CC First Call 24hr 7 Day 836 3464 (bkg fee)/Open All Hours 379 6131 (bkg fee) "TOPPING ANYTHING ON BROADWAY" Time Mag
ASPECTS OF LOVE
"ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S BEST" D Tel Lyrics by DON BLACK & CHARLES HART Directed by TREVOR NUNN Eves 7 45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.0 Queue daily for returns Strictly no admittance for latecomers NOW BOOKING APR SEPT '90

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KING
THE MUSICAL Opens April 4 1990

PLAYHOUSE 01 839 4401 cc 240 7200 (bkg fee) From 12 Dec in repertoire for a Christmas season WINNIE-THE-POOH by A A Milne and ENID BLYTON'S NODDY.

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CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737 cc 867 1111/379 4444 (bkg fee) KENNETH BRANAGH as HENRY V (PG) Film at 2.30 5.45 8.30 "RAW, POPULIST, BRUTAL AND EXCITING" A Walker. Std.
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OPERA & BALLET
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'JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL'
by Keith Waterhouse Directed by Ned Sherrin "AN OUTRIGHT WINNER" Eve Std. "PETER O'TOOLE IS MAGNIFICENT" F.T. Mon-Fri 8.30. Sat 5.30 & 8.45
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LETTICE AND LOVAGE
By PETER SHAFFER Dir MICHAEL BLAKEMORE BEST COMEDY 88 E.Std Award NINE WEEKS REMAINING
HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 CC 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL
THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
MARTIN SMITH JILL WASHINGTON ROBERT MEADMORE Iren Barton plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 Tickets available week nights June to September 1990 POSTAL APPLICATIONS ONLY

TELEVISION & RADIO

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Beating the school bullies

TELEVISION CHOICE

Peter Waymark

● The beauty of a neutral umbrella title such as **40 Minutes** (BBC2, 9.30pm) is that it can happily embrace whimsical pieces on the dottier aspects of British life as well as tackling serious social issues. Christopher Terrill's film on bullies belongs firmly to the second category, a sharp and shocking report that could well have turned up on *Panorama*. Research suggests that one child in five is bullied at school. Dr Pat Lister, an education therapist who works on the problem full time at a London comprehensive, reckons it could affect three children in four. The programme



A child's perception of bullying: an every-day feature of school life (BBC2, 9.30pm)

describes a number of cases, all of them appalling. One family, whose son was bullied, was even forced to move to the other side of the country. A girl became too frightened to go to school and went a year without education. Teachers are reluctant to get involved. A head told a terrified victim that she was paranoid. Another teacher dismissed bullying as being part of human nature. One lad came home from school so badly beaten that his mother thought he had been in a car accident. She went to the police station and the officer just laughed. A weakness of the film is that it stays exclusively with the victims. No teachers are interviewed. Those approached either refused to speak or denied that bullying existed. Nor, perhaps understandably, do we hear from the bullies, many of whom go on to be violent adults. But there is more than enough here to raise the hackles. As Dr Lister says, life at school is a misery for many, many children. The conspiracy of silence about bullying is almost as bad.

● **Bed, Chair, Table, Lamp** (BBC2, 8.30pm) explores in a rather straight-faced way the variety of meaning that can be derived from familiar household objects. Tonight's opening programme changes the running order of the title and deals with the chair. It starts with the observation that, like the human form it supports, the chair consists of legs, feet, arms, a back and joints. More revealing, perhaps, is the discussion of how the chair can take on human characteristics, depending on whether it is a throne encrusted with jewels, dad's armchair or a post-modern designer icon. Derek Jacobi sits on the throne of King Richard II and calls it "part of the awesome paraphernalia of power", while William Longden, the sculptor, shows how chairs can form the basis for works of art.

BBC 1

6.05 The Flintstones in *Monster Fred* (r)
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Jill Dando. Includes news headlines every 15 minutes; and regular sports bulletins, weather, regional news and travel; and a review of the morning newspapers by Paul Callan. (Ceefax) **8.55** Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air.** Eamonn Holmes and Jayne Irving take viewers' calls about yesterday's television programmes
9.20 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on the poll tax. With the Minister of State for the Environment, David Hunt
10.00 News and weather followed by **Going for Gold** (r)
10.25 Children's BBC, presented by Simon Parkin, begins with **Playbus** which is parked in Norden, Rochdale **10.50 The Family-Ness.** Cartoon series (r) **10.55 Five to Eleven.** Oscar James with a reading
11.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air.** Jayne Irving and Eamonn Holmes look at the various styles of the stars of British and American chat shows
12.00 News and weather followed by **Daytime Live.** A special tribute to Joyce Grenfell on the tenth anniversary of her death; plus Anna Massey in search of locations which inspired the Brontë sisters. Presented by Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather
1.30 Neighbours. Madge's return to work is cut short by Gail's interference, while Katie can hardly hide the influence cousin Hilary has had on her when she arrives home. (Ceefax) **1.50 Going for Gold.** Henry Kelly with another round of the European general knowledge quiz show
2.15 International Snooker. Quarter-final action in the Stormseal UK championship, introduced from the Guild Hall, Preston, by David Vine
3.50 Poddington Peas 3.55 Ovide. Cartoon series (r) **4.10 Lassie.** Animated adventures of the canny canine
4.35 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men. Comedy serial in which Maid Marian is the heroine and Robin Hood the wimp. Written by Tony Robinson who also plays the part of the Sheriff of Nottingham. With Kate Lonergan and Wayne Morris as Marian and Robin
5.00 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter presented by Caron Keating, Yvette Fielding and John Leslie (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather
6.30 Newsroom South East
7.00 Top of the Pops presented by Gary Davies. Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 1
7.30 EastEnders. Marge becomes something of a celebrity when her mugging is highlighted by the *Walford Gazette*. She also appeals for the shy hero to come forward. Meanwhile, Dot holds an action meeting about the rats in the Square; and Ashraf has a shock in store for him. (Ceefax)
8.00 Blankety Blank. Les Dawson's guests this week are Jill Gascoine, Anne Gregg, Roy Hudd, Ted Robbins, Barbara Shelley and Gary Wilmot. (Ceefax)
8.30 Victoria Wood: Over to Pam. The Channel Tunnel is the subject of a somewhat lively debate when two British experts and a French representative thrash out their differences in a studio. With Julie Walters, Kay Adshead, Meg Johnson and Hugh Lloyd. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather
9.30 Smith and Jones: The Uncut Version. Mel and Griff become quick change artists when they play Greek gods in an ancient Roman soap opera. With guests Miranda Richardson as Hera and Diana Quick as Jocasta. (Ceefax)
10.00 Question Time presented by Peter Sissons from Aston University, Birmingham. Thr guests are Mary Archer, Linbert Spencer and MPs Norman Lamont and Ken Livingstone
11.00 International Snooker. Further coverage of the last two quarter-finals of the Stormseal UK Championship, from the Guild Hall, Preston, introduced by David Vine
12.30am Weather

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News and **Good Morning Britain** presented by Kathryn Holloway and, from **7.00,** by Richard Keys and Lorraine Kelly. Includes news at **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00.** **After Nine** includes Claire Rayner with her problem post bag
9.25 Keynotes. Music quiz game for teams **9.55 Thames News** and weather
10.00 The Time...The Place... Anna Soubry chairs a discussion on a topical subject
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes items on problems caused by the menopause; toys and play; and on the options available to women who want to return to work after a break. Plus national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather
12.10 The Riddlers. For the young **12.30 Home and Away.** A row erupts between Stacey and Philip
1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather **1.20 Thames News** and weather
1.30 This Is Your Life (r) **2.00 A Country Practice.** Australian medical drama set in a small outback town
3.00 Tell the Truth. Fred Dinenage with another in the spot-the-imposter panel game show series. This afternoon's guests are Christopher Beeny, Sally James, Matthew Kelly and Sandra Dickinson **3.25 Thames News** and weather **3.30 Sons and Daughters**
4.00 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds. Animated adventures (r) **4.25 Woof!** Comedy series about a young man who changes into a dog when he least expects it. (Oracle) **4.55 Scooby Doo.** Cartoon adventures (r)
5.10 Home and Away (r)
5.40 News with Trevor McDonald. Weather **5.55 Thames News** and weather
6.20 Thames Help with details of the Terrence Higgins Trust's Helper Calls scheme
6.30 Emmerdale. Jack Sugden takes a job in a local fish and chip
7.00 After Henry. Comedy series starring Prunella Scales as a widow with a busybody mother and an argumentative teenage daughter. With Joan Sanderson and Janine Wood (r)
7.30 Chain Letters. Word association game hosted by Allan Stewart
8.00 The Bill: Gone Fishing. Carver and Roach visit the woman victim of a hit-and-run driver in hospital. After talking to the woman's husband, Roach believes he was attempting to murder his wife. (Oracle)
8.30 This Week: The British Connection. A documentary investigation into the British and European chemical companies whose products find their way into the hands of drug barons
9.00 In the Heat of the Night: Missing. Virgil unwittingly meddles with a terrorist organization reponsible for Gillespie's kidnapping. Starring Joe Don Baker and Howard Rollins
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Trevor McDonald. Weather **10.30 Thames News** and weather
10.35 AIDS Update 89. (Oracle)
10.45 The City Programme reports on the pound under pressure
11.15 01- for London includes reviews of the films *Ghostbusters II, When Harry Met Sally* and *Venus Peter* Followed by **Crimestoppers**
11.50 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama set in an Australian woman's prison
12.45am A Problem Aired. Viewers' emotional problems discussed by experts
1.15 What the Papers Say. With Peter McKay of the *Evening Standard*
1.30 The Concert. Crazyhead in concert at the Town and Country Club, London
2.30 News followed by **Film: Three Loves Has Nancy** (1938, b/w) starring Janet Gaynor, Robert Montgomery and Franchot Tone. A jilted bride finds herself pursued by two new admirers and her erstwhile fiancé. Directed by Richard Thorpe
4.00 News followed by **Jazz at the Maintenance Shop.** John Mayall in concert
4.30 America's Top Ten presented by Casey Kasem
5.00 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at **6.00**

BBC 2

8.00 News 8.15 Westminster 9.00 Ceefax
9.45 Daytime on Two: Austrian life **10.00** Aborigines **10.20** Designing a party outfit **10.40** Science: prediction **11.00** Utilizing the elements **11.20** Brazilian city slums **11.40** Maths **12.03** Modern Christianity **12.25** *Seventeen* **12.50** Religious education **1.20** *Charlie Chalk* **1.40** The orchestra
2.00 News and weather followed by a programme about preparing food for a party **2.15 See Hear!** (r) **2.40 Wood Works with Blizzard.** Making a traditional pine farmhouse table
3.00 News and weather followed by **Westminster Live** which includes Prime Minister's Question Time **3.50 News** and weather
4.00 International Snooker from the Guild Hall, Preston
4.35 Talk of the 80s. Judith Hann in conversation with transplant surgeon Professor Magdi Yacoub
5.05 Go Birding. Spaces specially designed to cater for garden birds
5.30 Film 89 with Barry Norman (r)
6.00 Film: The Only Way (1971) starring Martin Potter. Second World War drama set in Denmark. Directed by Bent Christensen
7.25 The Victorian Kitchen. A supper of raspberry jelly and a salmagundi salad, with ham and eggs. (Ceefax)
7.55 Prisoners of Conscience. Lord Joseph presents tonight's profile. (Ceefax)
8.00 The State of Europe: Once upon a Farm. The farm animal revolution sweeping through Sweden
8.30 Bed, Chair, Table, Lamp. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
9.00 Monty Python's Flying Circus (r)
9.30 40 Minutes: Bullies (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.10 The Staggering Stories of Ferdinand de Bargos. The bizarre tale of a pioneer in unnecessary surgery, Dr Arnold MacFaddyan
10.30 Newsnight
11.15 The Late Show examines the world of copyright law
11.55 Prisoners of Conscience. See 7.55pm. (Ceefax) **12.00 Weather**
12.05am Talk of the 80s. See 4.35pm. Ends at **12.40**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme
12.30 Business Daily
1.00 Sesame Street
2.00 Film: Souls at Sea (1934, b/w) starring Gary Cooper. Seafaring drama about a seaman who agrees to help naval intelligence bring slavers to book. Directed by Henry Hathaway **3.45 The Dreamer.** A Yugoslavian cartoon on the problems of day-dreaming
4.00 Not on Sunday includes a look at the religious background to tomorrow's meeting between President Gorbachov and the Pope
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. General knowledge quiz game
5.00 Film: Happy (1933, b/w) starring Stanley Lupino and Dorothy Hyson. Vintage British comedy following the exploits of an inventor who thinks he has developed a device that stops cars from being stolen. Directed by Fred Zelnick.
6.30 Club X-tra with a heavenly view of city life (r)
7.00 Channel Four News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi
7.50 Comment followed by **Weather**
8.00 Hard News includes a tape-recording of a senior executive of a Sunday tabloid discussing payment to a prostitute
8.30 Brass. Comedy series starring Timothy West as an amoral north country industrialist (r)
9.00 Behaving Badly. Episode one of a four-part drama based on the novel by Catherine Heath, starring Judi Dench and Ronald Pickup (r). (Oracle)
10.00 True Stories: Hoddle Street. A documentary exploring the reasons behind 19 year old Julian Knight's murderous rampage on a Melbourne street in 1987
11.30 Sumo. Wrestling from Japan
12.00 Film: A Love in Germany (1983), starring Hanna Schygulla, Marie-Christine Barrault and Armin Mueller-Stahl. Drama about an illicit romance in a Second World War German village between a married villager and a Polish prisoner-of-war. In German with English subtitles. Directed by Andrzej Wajda. Ends at **2.00am**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

5.00am Sky News **5.30** European Business Channel **6.00** DJ Kat Show **8.30** Panel Pot Pourri **10.00** The Sullivans **10.30** Sky By Day **11.30** A Problem Shared **12.00** Another World **12.55pm** General Hospital **1.50** As The World Turns **2.45** Loving **3.15** The Young Doctors **3.45** Dennis **4.00** Countdown **5.00** Sky Star Search **6.00** The New Price Is Right **6.30** Sale of the Century **7.00** Beyond 2000 **8.00** Moonlighting **9.00** Wiseguy **10.00** Jameson Tonight **11.00** Sky World News Tonight **11.30** The Big Valley **12.30am** Countdown

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
5.00am Sky News **5.30** Beyond 2000 **6.30** European Business Channel **11.30** Our World **12.30pm** NBC Today **1.30** NBC Today **2.30** Question Time Live **3.15** Prime Minister's Question Time Live **3.30** Parliament Live **4.30** Our World **5.00** Live at Five **6.30** Beyond 2000 **7.30** The Reporters **8.30** The Frank Bough Interview **9.30** Target **10.30** The Reporters **11.30** NBC Nightly News **12.30am** The FBI **1.30** Target **2.30** The Reporters **3.30** The Frank Bough Interview **4.30** Target

SKY MOVIES

From **8.00am The Satellite Shop**
2.00pm Words by Heart: A black family faces prejudice in a small mid-western American community at the turn of the century
4.00 The Wind in the Willows (1984): An animated version of the tales of Toad
6.00 Going in Style (1979): Three retired men brighten up their lives by robbing a bank
8.00 Trouble in the City of the Angels: George Peppard stars as one of the few honest cops in 1940s LA
9.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 Predator (1987): Arnold Schwarzenegger battles with an alien chameleon
11.45 Deadly Quest: A futuristic thriller about two young teenagers who discover a powerful magical spear
1.30am No Safe Haven (1986): The brother of a man killed by the Mob is out for revenge
4.00 Gorky Park (1983): A Soviet police detective (William Hurt) investigates a grisly triple murder in Moscow. Ends at **6.05am**

EUROSPORT

5.00am The World Business Report **5.30** European Business Channel **6.00** DJ Kat Show **8.30** Eurosport Menu **9.00** Trans World Sport **10.00** Australian Open Golf **12.00** Showjumping **1.00pm** World Cup Football **2.00** World Cup Badminton **3.00** World Cup Skiing **4.00** World Cycling Championships **5.00** Showjumping **6.00** Mobil Motor Sport News **6.30** Surfer Magazine **7.00** Australian Open Golf **9.00** World Cup Badminton **10.00** Basketball World Cup **11.00** World Cycling Championships

MTV

6.00am Kristiane Backer **11.00** Remote Control **11.30** Kristiane Backer **1.00pm** Marcel Vanthilt **3.00** 3 from 1 **3.15** Marcel Vanthilt **4.00** Coca-Cola Report **4.15** Marcel Vanthilt **5.00** Remote Control **5.30** Club MTV **6.00** Ray Cokes **8.00** The Big Picture **8.30** Headbangers Ball **10.00** Coca-Cola Report **10.15** Maiken Wexo **2.00am** Videos

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Powersports **8.00** Canadian Football League **10.00** French Rugby League **11.30** Spain Spain Sport **11.45** Wide World of Sport **12.45pm** Boxing **2.15** US College Football **4.15** Spanish Soccer **6.00** English Rugby League **7.30** Argentina Football '89 **9.15** NFL '89 Highlights **10.15** US College Football **12.15am** Wide World of Sports

LIFESTYLE

10.00am Search For Tomorrow **10.25** Keep Fit With Claire **10.30** Slim Cooking **10.55** Spain Spain **11.00** Coffee Break **11.10** The Edge of Night **11.35** Great American Gameshows **12.50pm** Style File **12.55** Sally Jessy Raphael **1.50** Cop Shop **2.40** Search For Tomorrow **3.05** Tea Break **3.15** Afternoon Cinema **4.45** Great American Gameshows

● Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, **TV Guide.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES: 6.30pm-7.00** Wales Today **12.30am-12.35** News and weather **SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00** Dotaman **6.30pm** Reporting Scotland **6.55-7.00** Party Political Broadcast (Scottish National Party) **8.00** Focal Point **8.30-9.00** Wet Wet Wet in the Park **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm** Sportswide **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.30** Neighbours **6.58-7.00** Inside Ulster Update **8.30-9.00** Spotlight **ENGLAND: 6.30pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

BBC2 **SCOTLAND: 9.00pm** Victoria Wood **9.30** Scottish Writer of the Year 1989 **10.10** The Great Music **10.25-10.30** Party Political Broadcast (Scottish National Party) **NORTHERN IRELAND: 8.00pm-8.30** Victoria Wood **12.00-12.30am** The State of Europe

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Anglia News **2.00-3.00** Donahue **5.10-5.40** Take the Plunge **6.00** Home and Away **6.30** About Anglia **7.00** Emmerdale **7.30-8.00** A Place in the Sun **9.00-10.00** Equalizer **10.45** Wideangle **11.15** Film: Grace Kelly Story **1.05am** Donahue **12.00** What the Papers Say **2.15am** Guldenburg Inheritance **3.10** Off the Wall **4.10** On the Live Side **4.40-5.00** Fifty Years On"

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Border News **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Lookaround **9.00-10.00** Equalizer **10.45** Politically Yours **11.15** Scottish Fiddle Orchestra **12.15am** What the Papers Say **12.30** Film: From Beyond the Grave **2.20** Cinemattractions **2.50** America's Top Ten **3.20** Sportsworld **4.20-5.00** The Time...The Place...

CENTRAL As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.10-5.40** After Henry **6.00** Home and Away **6.25** News **7.00** Emmerdale **7.30-8.00** Wheel of Fortune **9.00-10.00** Equalizer **10.45** Central Lobby **11.15** Donahue **12.10am** Film: The Criminal **2.00** Sportsweek **3.00** Hit Man and Her **4.00** Jobfinder **4.45-5.00** What the Papers Say.

CHANNEL As London except: **1.20m-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Channel Report **9.00-10.00** Equalizer **10.45** Facing South **11.15** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.10am** Hollywood Wives **1.00** Karting **1.35** What the Papers Say **1.50** Fifty Years On' **2.10** America's Top Ten **2.40** Terrorvision **3.00** The Time...The Place... **3.40** Outsiders **4.40-5.00** New Squadronaires.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Grampian News **5.55-6.30** North Tonight **7.00-7.30** The Way It Was **9.00-10.00** Scottish Fiddle Orchestra **10.45** Crossfire **11.15** Crann Tara **11.45** Bratach **12.15am** What the Papers Say **12.30** Film: From Beyond the Grave **2.20** Cinemattractions **2.50** America's Top Ten **3.20** Sportsworld **4.20-5.00** The Time... The Place...

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Granada Reports **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.55-6.30** Granada Reports **9.00-10.00** Equalizer **10.45** Celebration **11.45** Batman: The Making of a Hero **12.15am** What the Papers Say **12.30** Film: From Beyond the Grave **2.20** Cinemattractions **2.50** America's Top Ten **3.20** Sportsworld **4.20-5.00** The Time...The Place...

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **5.55-6.30** News **9.00-10.00** Equalizer **10.45** West This Week **11.30** Weekend Outlook **11.45** Fugitive" **12.45am** Film: Murphy's War **2.45** Quiz Night **3.15** What the Papers Say **3.30** Special Squad **4.25** Invitation to Remember (Donald Sinden) **4.50-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **5.55-6.30pm** Wales at Six **7.00** Owen Money Show **7.30-8.00** After Henry **10.45** Wales this Week **11.15-11.45** Rugby.

SCOTTISH As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Scotland Today **6.00-6.30** Scotland Today **7.00** Take the Plunge **7.30-8.00** Scottish Questions **9.00-10.00** Selling Scotland **10.45** NB **11.15** Scottish Fiddle Orchestra **12.15am** What the Papers Say **12.30** Film: Lust for a Vampire **2.20** Cinemattractions **2.50** America's Top Ten **3.20** Sportsworld **4.20-5.00** The Time...The Place...

TSW As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **3.27-4.00** Home and Away **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters **6.00-6.30** Today **9.00-10.00** Equalizer **10.45** Prisoner: Cell Block H **11.45** Batman – the Making of a Hero **12.15am** What the Papers Say **12.30** Film: From Beyond the Grave **2.20** Cinemattractions **2.50** America's Top Ten **3.20** Sportsworld **4.20** The Time...The Place... **4.50-5.00** Off the Hook.

TVS As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Coast to Coast **9.00-10.00** Equalizer **10.45** Facing South **11.15** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.10am** Prisoner: The Inside Story **12.40** Hollywood Wives **1.35** Karting **2.05** What the Papers Say **2.20** Fifty Years On" **2.40** America's Top Ten **3.10** The Time...The Place... **3.50** Outsiders **4.50-5.00** New Squadronaires.

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Northern Life **9.00-10.00** Equalizer **10.45** Northern Eye **11.15** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.15am** What the Papers Say **12.30** Film: From Beyond the Grave **2.20** Cinemattractions **2.50** America's Top Ten **3.20** Sportsworld **4.20-5.00** The Time...The Place...

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Newstime **3.30-4.00** Glenroe **6.00-6.30** Six Tonight **9.00-10.00** Equalizer **10.45** Counterpoint **11.20** Atlantean **12.15am** What the Papers Say **12.30** Film: From Beyond the Grave **2.20** Cinemattractions **2.50** America's Top Ten **3.20** Sportsworld **4.20-5.00** The Time...The Place...

YORKSHIRE As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Calendar **9.00-10.00** Equalizer **10.45** Calendar Commentary **11.15** Crime Story **12.00** Film: Five Days One Summer **2.15am** What the Papers Say **2.30** America's Top Ten **3.00** Cinemattractions **3.30** Music Box **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

S4C Starts: **6.00am** C4 Daily **9.25** Schools **12.10pm** Pobol Y Cwm **12.30** News **12.35** Ffalabalam **1.00** Full Life **1.30** Business Daily **2.00** Film: Written on the Wind **4.00** Not on Sunday **4.30** Fifteen to One **5.00** I Love Lucy" **5.30** Happy Days **6.00** News **6.15** Hafoc **6.40** Pobol Y Cwm **7.00** O Vaughan I Fynwy **8.00** Dinas **8.30** News **8.55** Y Byd Ar Bedwar **9.25** Smithfield **10.40** Snwcer **11.05** True Stories **12.00** Film: A Love in Germany **2.00am** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: **12.30pm** Pure Drop **1.00** News **1.30** Carson's Law **2.00** Interlude **2.30** Dancing **3.00** 'Live' at Three **4.00** Emmerdale **4.30** Onedin Line **5.30** Country Practice **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** Six-One **6.45** Garda Patrol **7.00** Top of the Pops **7.30** Nature of Things **8.00** Jake and the Fat Man **9.00** News **9.30** Today Tonight **10.10** Bibi **11.10** Tales from the Darkside **11.35** News. Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: **2.30pm** Bosco **3.00** Postman Pat **3.25** Flintstones **3.50** Eachtrai Bhrain **4.05** Pat's Pals **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.45** Wonderstruck **5.25** Return to Treasure Island **6.00** Jo-Maxi **6.30** Home and Away **7.00** Nuacht **7.08** Cursai **7.30** Dirty Dancing **8.00** Old Heads **8.30** Marketplace **9.00** Kate and Allie **9.30** Street Legal **10.30** Network News **10.50** Nighthawks **11.30** Closedown.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW**
News on the half-hour from **5.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00pm**
5.00am Jakki Brambles **6.30** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Mark Goodier **7.00** Top of the Pops (simultaneous broadcast with BBC1) **7.30** Phillip Schofield **8.30** John Peel **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-2.00am** Richard Skinner

RADIO 2

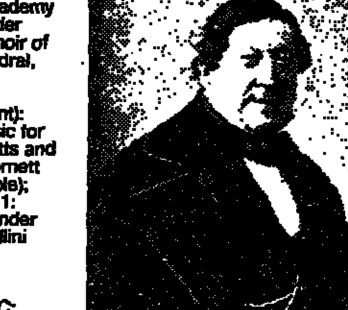
FM Stereo
News on the hour
Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30**
4.00am Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Rosie Barnes **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Country Music **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** The News Huddlines **10.30** A Concert for St Andrew's Day **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

5.00am Morgenmagazin **5.35** News in German: Headlines in English and French **5.47** Sports News **5.50** Book Choice **5.55** Weather and Travel News **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** World News **7.09** 24 Hours: News Summary and Financial News **7.30** Mediawatch **7.45** Network UK **8.00** World News **8.09** Words of Faith **8.15** The Book People **8.30** John Peel **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News, Sports Roundup **9.45** Society Today **10.01** Assignment **10.30** Two Cheers for November **11.00** World News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** New Ideas **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Newsreel **12.15pm** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** 24 Hours: News Summary and Financial News **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Jazz Scene UK **2.00** World News: Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: Tess of the D'Urbervilles **2.45** Mediawatch **3.00** Newsreel **3.15** The Pleasure's Yours **4.00** World News **4.09** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World News **5.09** Commentary **5.15** The World Today **5.30** Londres Soir **6.14** News Headlines in English **6.15** BBC English **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.54** Nachrichten **8.00** World News **8.09** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Meridian **9.01** Sports Roundup **9.15** Seven Seas **9.30** The Learning World **9.45** Mediawatch **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.05** Commentary **11.10** Financial News **11.15** Music Review **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30am** Best on Record **1.01** Outlook **1.25** Financial News **1.30** Jazz Scene UK **1.45** The Learning World **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Seven Seas **2.30** Scenes From a Marriage **3.00** World News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Focus on Faith **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** The World Today **4.45** Nachrichten und Presseschau

RADIO 3

6.55am News and Weather
7.00 *Morning Concert: Handel* (Utrect Te Deum: Academy of Ancient Music under Preston; Soloists, Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Matthew Locke (Music for His Majesty's Sagbutts and Cornetts: London Cornett and Sackbut Ensemble); Stravinsky (Suite No 1: London Sinfonietta under Riccardo Chailly); Bellini (Concertino in E flat: Peterborough String Orchestra); Haydn (Symphony No 90 in C: Orchestra of the 18th Century under Brüggen)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Rossini. Giovanna d'Arco (Marilyn Horne, mezzo, Martin Katz, piano); Ballet, Guillaume Tell (Monte Carlo National Opera Orchestra under D'Almeida); Duetto (Alain Meunier, cello, Franco Petracchi, double-bass)
9.35 Little Russians: The pianist Rosemarie Wright performs miniatures by Lyapunov, Arensky and Tchaikovsky (r)
10.10 A Season Symphony: Bavarian RSO under Karl Anton Rickenbacher performs Spohr (Symphony No 9 "The Seasons")
10.45 An Elegy and a Lost Greeting: Alexander Baillie, cello, Michael Dussak, piano, perform Bridge (Sonata in D minor, 1917); Martinů (Sonata No 1, 1939) (r)
11.30 BBC Welsh SO under Richard Armstrong performs Mozart (Overture, La clemenza di Tito; Piano Concerto No 24 in C minor, K 491); Sibelius (The Swan of Tuonela; Symphony No 5 in E flat), incl **12.05pm** Interval Reading
1.00 News
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Paul Barritt, violin, Susan Tomes, piano, perform Schubert (Sonatina in A minor, D 385); Dohnányi (Sonata in C sharp minor, Op 21); Rozsa (North Hungarian Peasant Songs and Dances, Op 5)
2.00 Poet of the Month: Czeslaw Milosz on the work of Robinson Jeffers
2.05 Pacini's Saffo: Salzburg CO under José Maria Collado; Vienna Singakademie, with Montserrat Caballé in the title role, perform Pacini's opera, to a libretto by Salvatore Cammarano. Given at the 1989 Vienna Festival



Gioacchino Rossini: composer of the week (Radio 3, 8.35am)

4.15 The Fairer Sax performs Paul Patterson (Diversions for saxophone quartet); Jean Françaix (Petit quatuor pour saxophones); Joseph Horowitz (Variations on a theme of Paganini); Scott Joplin, arr Scott Hayden (Something Doing Rag)
4.50 Piano Music: The pianist Enid Katahn performs Nielsen (Theme and Variations, Op 40); Clara Schumann (Quatre pièces fugitives, Op 15); Rachmaninov (Etudes-tableaux, Op 33 No 7; Op 39 Nos 8 and 9) (r)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure: Maurice Lindsay presents music for St Andrew's Day
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Ian Carr in conversation with American drummer and composer Max Roach
7.30 Vienna PO under André Previn performs Haydn (Symphony No 96); Strauss (Don Juan) **8.15** The relationship between Brahms and Dvořák is reflected on by John Tyrrell (r) **8.35** Dvořák (Symphony No 8 in G)
9.30 Music in Our Time: Pacific Ring – Ring of Fire (Lontano under Odaline de la Martinez, with Linda Hirst, mezzo); Bozidar Kos (Three movements – first UK performance); Tan Dun (In Distance); Jennifer Fowler (And Ever Shall Be – BBC commission, first performance); Ton That Tiet (Les Jardins d'autre monde – first UK performance); Joji Yuasa (Muttering – first UK performance)
11.00 Composers of the Week: Stanford (r)
12.00 News **12.05am** Close

RADIO 4

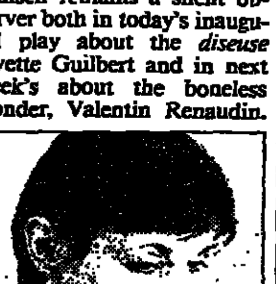
LW (s) Stereo on **FM**
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Punters: An opportunity for listeners to report on life's problems, injustices and quirks. Presented by Susan Marling and Max Pearson
9.45 The Best Day of My Life: Marjorie Lofthouse talks to David Elsworth, trainer of this year's Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, Desert Orchid, about his most precious day
10.00 News; The Natural History Programme: The organouk is being brought back from the brink of extinction. Fergus Keeling and Jessica Holm report
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.00 News; Citizens
11.25 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor talks to artist and teacher Kyffin Williams who was born in Anglesey
11.50 First Person: Series of talks by first-time broadcasters. The future of Britain's villages should be drawn from the past, according to Mike Aston
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Waite
12.25pm Second Thoughts: Sitcom starring James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham as two divorced people contemplating remarriage (s) (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Irma Kurtz interviews Nora Ephron about her film *When Harry Met Sally*, a feature on the scarcity of male primary schoolteachers; and an interview with Susanna Hecht, author of *Fate of the Forest*
3.00 News; Posters of the Moulin Rouge (new series): A quartet of plays by John Peacock, profiling four of the Moulin Rouge characters depicted in Toulouse Lautrec's famous paintings. Part 1: Julie Covington stars as Yvette Guilbert (see Choice)
4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde reviews Bobbie Ann Mason's *Love Life*, a collection of short stories; and Brenda Maddox gives a selection of the best biographies of 1989
4.35 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
5.00 PM with Frances Coverdale and Robert Williams **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Just A Minute: Nicholas Parsons hosts the non-stop talking quiz. With Peter Jones, Derek Nimmo, Paul Merton and Richard Murdoch (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Lark Rise Today: Chris Nicholson visits the scene of Flora Thompson's *Lark Rise*, 50 years after the book was first published
8.00 Analysis: A Holy Row. John Eidinow reports on the controversial debates currently raging in the Church of England, including women priests and unity with Rome
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Kati Whitaker presents the radio magazine for disabled listeners
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Presented by Paul Vaughan. Ronald Hayman reviews the RSC's production of *Playing With Trains*, showing at the Barbican, London; Kate Saunders on the film *When Harry Met Sally*; and John Lee Hooker's latest LP *The Healer* is reviewed by Robert Sandall (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Richard Kershaw (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Close Up on Death, written and read by Maureen O'Brien (9 of 10)
11.00 Frenchman's Creek: Six-part dramatization of Daphne Du Maurier's novel. Part 6: The Seagull Flies (s)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
FM as **LW** except: **9.05-10.45am** For Schools **11.00-12.00** For Schools **1.55pm** Listening Corner (s) **2.05-3.00** For Schools **5.50-5.55** PM (continued)

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RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

● **Posters of the Moulin Rouge** (Radio 4, 3.00pm), John Peacock's quartet of plays about the fabulous Parisian pleasure palace, owes its existence to the recording genius of Toulouse-Lautrec, but we can hardly accuse Peacock of over-milking this source material since Lautrec himself remains a silent observer both in today's inaugural play about the *diseuse* Yvette Guilbert and in next week's about the boneless wonder, Valentin Renaudin.



Julie Covington: plays Yvette Guilbert (Radio 4, 3.00pm)

Indeed, there is only one reference to Lautrec this afternoon, and that is so scatalogical that we are left in no doubt whatever about Peacock's intention to make his evocation of the Moulin Rouge as uninhibited as the *cabaret* made itself. Indeed, between them, Peacock and his director Jane Morgan have pulled out so many stops that the unthinkable has happened – the sound pictures are sufficiently redolent of the Naughty Nineties to render redundant the famous Lautrec posters I would otherwise have suggested you have by you, as *aides-mémoire*, while you listen. And what of Julie Covington's Yvette Guilbert? The way she uses her voice removes Covington so far from the mainstream of radio acting that she splashes about, to great effect, in a pool of her own making.



Tories warn of strike ambush

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

Prominent Conservative back-benchers are urging the Government to take early action to head off a politically motivated winter of discontent in the run-up to the next election.

They fear that now that the Prime Minister has indicated that the next election is unlikely before the summer of 1992, there is a real danger that the Tories could fall victim to a public sector "ambush" of the kind that derailed the Callaghan administration in 1979.

The back-benchers are arguing that confrontations such as the current ambulancemen's dispute and the summer rail strikes could be a foretaste of a concerted effort by the Trades Union Congress (TUC) to wreck the Conservatives' prospects of re-election.

They point out that both groups of workers have enjoyed strong public support and that the need to control public spending and public sector pay over the next two years could create conditions the unions could exploit to Labour's advantage.

The Government has already announced that it will introduce legislation to outlaw wildcat strikes. After the publication of a recent Centre for Policy Studies pamphlet, there is said to be growing ministerial interest in banning strikes in essential services.

The back-benchers are arguing that ministers should act now to forestall a concerted union campaign in the winter of 1991/92 against a Government powerless to act.

A senior Tory said: "If we can lose an argument with Jimmy Knapp (General Secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen) we can lose an argument with anybody."

He added: "The conventional wisdom has been that strikes help the Tory party, but that's not true when they hit the public or when they are launched by a group of people who start out with public sympathy.

"If we don't go for an election before October, 1991, we are left with the single option of early summer in 1992. In that situation it would be easy for politically driven unions to ambush the Government with a wave of strikes in that winter. The TUC is fully capable of giving us our own winter of discontent."

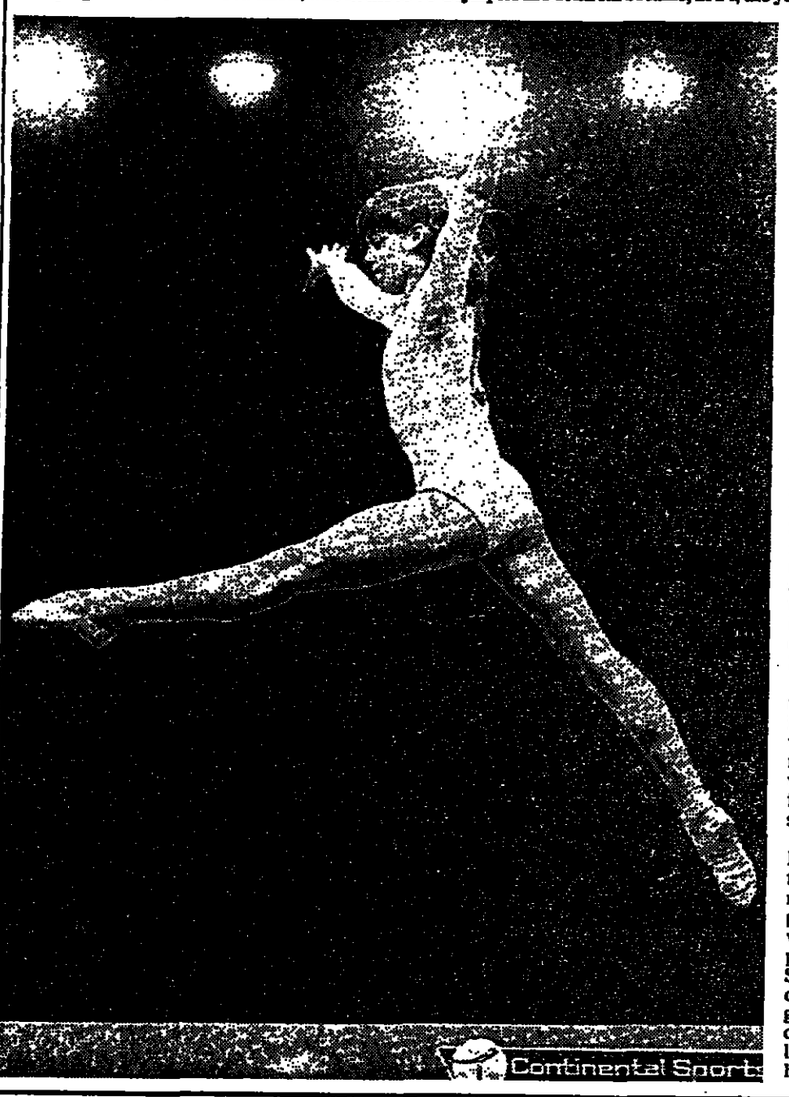
He continued: "The Government's already acting with the new Employment Bill to deal with wildcat strikes, but this may not be enough.

"We will have to seek other ways to forestall politically motivated strikes in essential services."

The waif who captured the world



Leaping to fame: Nadia Comaneci, who at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal became, at 14, the youngest champion ever; and (right) at a press conference in 1984



Romanian star gymnast flees

From Ernest Beck, Budapest

Nadia Comaneci, the retired Romanian Olympic gymnast whose unprecedented perfect scores at the 1976 Olympic Games made sporting history, was smuggled across the border into Hungary yesterday.

Her defection is certain to fuel tensions between Hungary and Romania and to increase Western criticism of the hardline communist regime of President Ceausescu.

Miss Comaneci, aged 29, arrived at a refugee centre near the southern Hungarian city of Szeged early on Tuesday morning with six other Romanians. They had been led across the border near the town of Kiszombor, crossing into Hungary secretly under cover of darkness with a Romanian guide.

Miss Comaneci, winner of three gold medals at the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games, was quoted by Hungarian radio as saying she had left a well furnished flat, a car and financial security "all for the sake of freedom".

Speaking of her life in Romania, Miss Comaneci told border guards that since retiring from active competition she had been kept a virtual prisoner and denied permission to travel abroad. She could not accept numerous offers to work as a gymnastics coach in Western countries. "I could not stand life in Romania any longer. I had wanted to leave for some time," she was quoted as saying.

Mr Pal Schmidt, head of the Hungarian Olympic Committee and member of the executive board of the International Olympic Committee, said Miss Comaneci had been

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seen leaving a hotel in Szeged with her Romanian companions. A report that she had applied for asylum in Austria was denied and her current whereabouts are unknown.

● **Daring routines:** Nadia Comaneci revolutionized women's gymnastics in the 1970s by introducing advanced elements of danger and daring into her routines, transforming the sport from a medium of feminine grace and elegance into one of acrobatic agility and skill (Peter Aykroyd writes). The immediate effect was that leading gymnasts were no longer mature women but youngsters who had not reached puberty.

Her greatest moment came at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal when at 14 she became the youngest Olympic champion ever. She was awarded a perfect score of 10 no less than seven times.

She never repeated the success, nor became world champion, but she did become European champion three times in a row — a feat no other gymnast has achieved.

Political sketch

MPs sing along with Sinatra

What *is* the "Sinatra doctrine"? The phrase was bandied about the Chamber yesterday during Foreign Office Questions. Apparently Soviet spokesman Gennadi Gerasimov coined it, and it means *I did it my way*. A puzzled President of South Korea, Mr Roh Tae Woo, watched from the Distinguished Strangers' Gallery: he did not seem to know what it meant, either.

Mr Roh knew what "cut-throat" meant, though. When Labour's Jimmy Hood flung the term at him, he briefly considered the "George Formby doctrine" (*Oh Mr Roo/What shall we do?*) and, soon after, upped and left.

These were Douglas Hurd's first Questions as Foreign Secretary. Hurd has slipped effortlessly from Home Affairs (where a British minister in theory commands, but is, in practice, impotent) to Foreign Affairs (where he is impotent in theory as well as in practice).

But Paul Flynn (Lab, Newport W) still hoped we could "do something" about Romania — like isolate it — and junior minister William Waldegrave agreed.

Poor Andrew Hunter (C, Basingstoke) is either under the delusion that logic has a place in Foreign Affairs, or woke up and thought we were debating South Africa. "Isolating" a country, he thought, would "do no good": the important thing was to keep bridges open, maintain trade.

No, Mr Hunter: the important thing is to remember that your typical pro-Pretoria Tory is also your typical Commie-basher. Please avoid arguments which introduce intellectual strain. Anthropology (which tribe are you in? Who are your mates? Who the enemy?) not logic, rules Parliament.

This was illustrated by two exchanges. One was on Nicaragua. Tony Banks (Lab, Newham NW) complained that the minister had "linked" his Question 10 with Question 3 from Glasgow's Jimmy Wray simply because they were both about Nicaragua. "Linking" means both are discussed at once — only one bite at the cherry. But these Questions were different: Wray's was general; Banks's was about the Nicaraguan elections.

Banks's mistake, though, was to apply logic. That is not how ministers will have scrutinized the Order Paper. "What", they will have asked, "are these Questions about? Nicaragua — that's the little one down and to the right of Mexico. OK: who's asking? Wray and Banks — huh! Lefties. They'll both want a yak about how nice President Ortega is. *We* can yak about how dreadful he is. Link them.

On the level which counts at Westminster, they were right.

The second example of "the level which counts" came when Jeff Rooker (Lab, Perry Barr) provoked an exchange on the European Social Charter. Rooker used to be against Europe, but he's gung-ho about social charters. He recommended this one to junior minister Francis Maude. Maude, who's against Europe *and* social charters, declined it. "Subsidiarity" he said (leaving member-states autonomy where practical) meant this was none of Brussels' business. Good argument. Argument from general principle.

Then Chris Butler (C, Warrington S) said the minister was right, because the things this charter recommended were "socialism by the back-door."

Good argument too. But nothing to do with the case Maude was advancing, which did not examine the merits of the charter, but asserted that we, not the EC, should decide. *Logically*, Maude could have told Butler that he and Rooker were on the same side.

Only a Ridley would dare attempt the logical answer. Maude's was "I agree with my hon friend". On the level which counted, he did. Both in the same tribe, you see.

Last came discussion on boat people in Hong Kong. Here, the Government adheres to the "Elvis Presley doctrine" (*Return to Sender*), Mrs Thatcher's view. Who knows whether Mr Hurd really agrees, or whether he has bowed to the "Monroe doctrine": *Gentlemen defer to blondes?*

Matthew Parris

Savoy hotel ceasefire

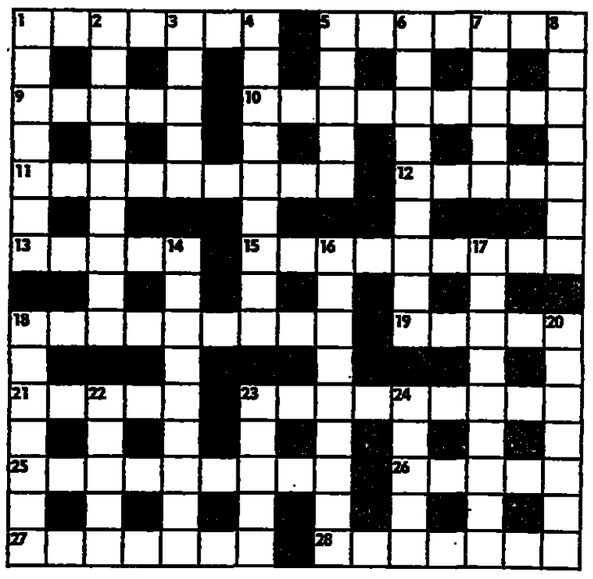
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subsequent ones were refused. The affair culminated in the litigation which has cost the Savoy "around £1.5 million", according to Mr Shepard, and THF "a somewhat lesser sum", according to Mr Forte.

The litigation was over a block of 5.77 per cent of the Savoy's tightly-held voting shares owned by a Swiss educational trust established by Sir Hugh Wontner, Savoy chairman from 1948 to 1984.

Mr Shepard said that if THF's holding rose above 45 per cent or fell below 35 per cent of the voting capital, the agreement would cease and the THF representatives would leave the board.

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ACROSS

1 Port as new as it could be (7).
5 Clumsily assembled, worked at last (7).
9 Even when it's reversed, it's the same (5).
10 Copy special procedure (9).
11 Work on island plot (9).
12 Measures going up and down in well, perhaps (5).
13 Channel needed for audition (5).
15 Way workshop could be made more dignified (9).
18 Fail to turn out as intended (9).
19 At least ten in the game (5).
21 Taking part in debate, MP overran time (5).
23 Like some boards, having fluctuating fortunes (9).
25 State of St Paul's main stone — terrible (9).
26 'Tis going to become material (5).
27 Restricted contribution from widow put in hat (7).
28 Such a person coaches, perhaps, before the start of each run (7).

DOWN

1 Mediterranean island sausages (7).
2 Risk coming over river (9).
3 Only about five crack (5).
4 A striver? I might be (9).
5 Men in force reported in the wood (5).
6 Board supporting literary efforts (9).
7 Not a nice person left on the river (5).
8 Certainly not the original Adam furniture (7).
14 To ruin one good person is corrupt (9).
16 Fruitful vehicle for theatrical production (5-4).
17 Fashionable translation? Just the opposite (9).
18 Best available work two little boys assembled (7).
20 His business depends on mounting consumer demands (7).
22 One in a thousand — in a thousand, note (5).
23 It could, it's said, be three spectators (5).
24 Leaders of unions label the right as politically extreme (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,152

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

CTENOPHILE
a. Loving combs
b. Voraciously greedy
c. Growing in dung

STAGIRITE
a. Iron pyrites
b. Ritual purification
c. Aristotle

AUDACULOUS
a. Slightly bold
b. Looking like gold
c. Prone to bite

VIATIC
a. A muscular spasm
b. Travelling
c. Early Greek script

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WEATHER

Dry in most areas, except for the Shetlands, Cornwall and the Channel Islands, which may have scattered light showers. After early frost and fog clears most places will have bright periods, although it could be cloudy in parts of south-west England, north-east England and eastern Scotland. During the evening fog patches are expected to reform and it will become frosty again. Outlook: Fog and frost.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	s	Majorca	16	61	c
Akrotiri	18	64	t	Malaga	17	63	c
Alex'dria	22	72	c	Malta	18	64	s
Algiers	21	70	f	Melb'rne	32	90	s
Amst'dm	3	37	s	Mexico C*	20	68	s
Athens	11	52	f	Miami*	28	82	c
Bahrain	26	79	s	Milan	2	36	c
Barbados*	29	84	f	Montreal*	0	32	r
Barcelna	13	55	r	Moscow	-15	5	s
Belgrade	1	34	s	Munich	1	34	s
Berlin	3	37	s	Nairobi	21	70	c
Bermuda*	24	75	f	Naples	11	52	s
Biarritz	17	63	c	N Delhi	22	72	s
Borde'x	12	54	f	N York*	14	57	c
Brussels	0	32	s	Nice	14	57	s
Budapst	1	34	s	Oslo	-2	28	s
B Aires*	24	75	s	Paris	3	37	s
Cairo	26	79	f	Peking	9	48	s
Cape Tn	28	82	s	Perth	25	77	s
C'blanca	19	66	f	Prague	0	32	s
Chicago*	-2	28	s	Reykjvik	8	46	r
Ch'church	15	59	s	Rhodes	16	61	s
Cologne	3	37	s	Rio de J	24	75	c
C'phgn	2	36	c	Riyadh	26	79	s
Corfu	20	68	s	Rome	13	55	s
Dublin	8	46	c	Salzburg	5	41	s
Dubrovnik	7	45	d	S F'risco*	11	52	s
Faro	16	61	c	Santiago*	30	86	s
Florence	11	52	s	S Paulo*	24	75	c
Frankfurt	2	36	s	Seoul	0	32	s
Funchal	19	66	f	Sing'por	30	86	f
Geneva	3	37	s	St'kholm	-1	30	s
Gibraltar	18	64	f	Straslb'rg	2	36	c
Helsinki	0	32	c	Sydney	23	73	s
Hong K	17	63	s	Tangier	19	66	f
Innsbruck	2	36	s	Tel Aviv	25	77	f
Istanbul	5	41	f	Tenerife	22	72	s
Jeddah	33	91	s	Tokyo	14	57	c
Jo'burg*	24	75	f	Toronto*	1	34	c
Karachi	27	81	s	Tunis	15	59	c
L Palmas	22	72	f	Valencia	17	63	c
Le Touet	5	41	f	Vanc'ver*	6	43	r
Lisbon	14	57	f	Venice	7	45	s
Locarno	6	43	c	Vienna	0	32	s
L Angele*	18	64	s	Warsaw	-4	25	c
Luxemburg	2	36	s	Washton*	17	63	f
Luxor	31	88	s	Wellton	15	59	s
Madrid	13	55	f	Zurich	-1	30	c

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am,3C (37F). Humidity: 6 pm, 74 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 7 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,029.3 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Culdrose and Penzance, Cornwall, 11C (52F); Lowest day max: Aberdeen 4C (39F) highest rainfall: Lerwick, Shetland, 0.02 inhighest sunshine: Margate, Kent, 8 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 0C (32F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 6.6.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 5C (41F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 2C (36F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Hunstanton	5.8	-	9	48	sunny
Cromer	6.6	-	9	48	sunny
Lowestoft	5.3	-	8	46	sunny
Clacton	7.5	-	8	46	sunny
Southend	7.5	-	8	46	sunny
Margate	8.0	-	8	46	sunny
Folkestone	7.8	-	8	46	sunny
Hastings	7.6	-	8	46	sunny
Eastbourne	7.1	-	8	46	sunny
Brighton	7.4	-	7	45	sunny
Bognor R	7.5	-	7	45	sunny
Southsea	7.6	-	7	45	sunny
Sandown	6.7	-	8	46	sunny
Bournemth	6.6	-	9	48	sunny
Swanage	6.8	-	8	46	sunny
Weymouth	6.3	-	8	46	sunny
Exmouth	6.0	-	8	46	sunny
Torquay	3.3	-	10	50	bright
Falmouth	5.6	-	11	52	sunny
Penzance	3.6	-	11	52	bright
Scilly Isles	0.8	-	10	50	cloudy
St. Ives	3.7	-	11	52	sunny
Newquay	5.0	-	11	52	bright
Ilfracombe	-	-	7	45	sunny
Douglas	0.8	-	8	46	bright
Aspatria	2.8	-	7	45	sunny
Buxton	5.9	-	5	41	sunny
Leeds	5.1	-	9	48	sunny
Nottingham	6.9	-	8	46	sunny
Anglesey	6.3	-	10	50	sunny
Colwyn Bay	6.0	-	8	46	sunny
Tenby	4.2	-	8	46	bright
Aberdeen	0.1	-	4	39	cloudy
Aviemore	5.3	-	5	41	sunny
Eskdalemuir	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Kinloss	0.4	-	5	41	cloudy
Lerwick	3.2	.02	8	46	bright
Stornoway	4.7	-	7	45	bright
Tiree	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Wick	2.6	-	6	43	drizzle

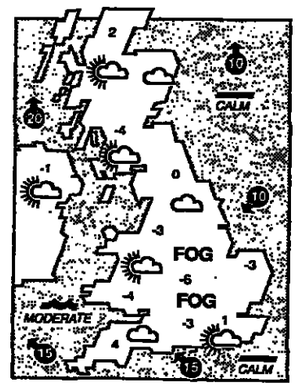
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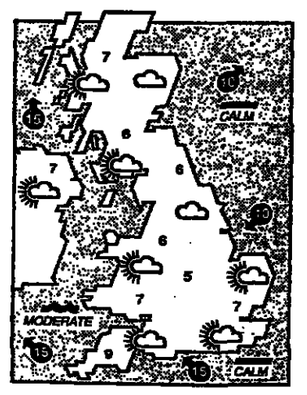
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PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 3.56 pm to 7.44 am
Bristol 4.06 pm to 7.53 am
Edinburgh 3.45 pm to 8.19 am
Manchester 3.55 pm to 8.02 am
Penzance 4.23 pm to 7.59 am

Sun rises: 7.43 am
Sun sets: 3.56 pm
Moon rises 10.09 am
Moon sets 5.03 pm
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YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

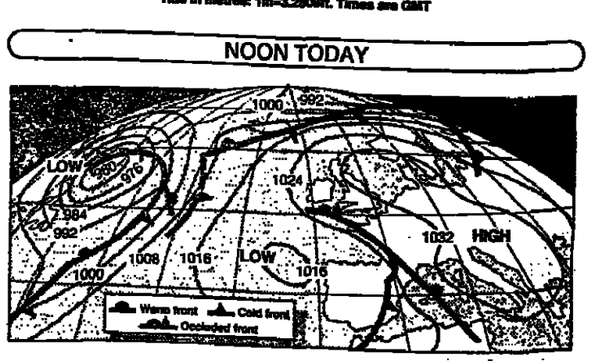
	C	F		C	F	
Belfast	7	45c	Guernsey	7	45s	
B'ingham	7	45c	Inverness	5	41s	
Blackpool	8	46s	Jersey	5	41s	
Bristol	8	43s	London	8	46s	
Cardiff	7	45s	M'chester	7	45s	
Edinburgh	4	39c	Newcastle	6	43c	
Glasgow	4	39c	R'nldsway	8	46c	

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.30	6.8	2.53	6.7	Liverpool	—	—	12.03	8.0
Aberdeen	2.08	4.0	2.12	4.1	Lowestoft	10.15	2.3	10.34	2.5
Avonmouth	8.04	12.2	8.19	12.0	Margate	12.36	4.8	12.59	4.8
Belfast	11.56	3.3	—	—	Milford Haven	7.03	6.6	7.20	6.4
Cardiff	7.49	11.4	8.04	11.2	Newquay	5.53	6.6	6.10	6.4
Devonport	6.36	5.4	6.54	5.1	Oban	6.32	3.9	6.39	3.7
Dover	11.46	6.3	—	—	Penzance	5.33	5.5	5.53	5.2
Falmouth	6.06	5.2	6.24	4.9	Portland	7.44	2.1	8.04	1.9
Glasgow	1.21	4.5	1.39	4.8	Portsmouth	12.08	4.3	12.16	4.4
Harwich	12.24	3.8	12.45	3.8	Shoreham	11.54	5.6	—	—
Holyhead	11.08	5.4	11.29	5.1	Southampton	11.40	4.4	—	—
Hull	7.09	6.8	7.17	7.0	Swansea	7.09	9.0	7.28	8.8
Ilfracombe	6.42	8.7	6.59	8.5	Tees	4.28	5.0	4.37	5.3
King's Lynn	7.13	6.1	7.22	6.3	W'ton-on-Nze	12.18	4.0	12.39	3.9
Leith	3.24	5.2	3.35	5.3					

Tide in metres: 1m=3.280ft. Times are GMT

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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30 1989

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5680 (+0.0045)

W German mark
2.7918 (–0.0092)

Exchange index
86.0 (–0.3)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1781.7 (+13.4)

FT-SE 100
2255.6 (+13.6)

USM (Datastream)
149.71 (+0.05)

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Stockholm quotation

The Anglo-Scandinavian Investment Trust is to become the first British company to be quoted in Stockholm through a £20 million offer for sale in London and Sweden. The trust, which is offering 20 million shares at 100p each, is designed for Scandinavians who want to invest in British shares.

Of the shares, 10.3 million have already been applied for and the rest are underwritten. The trust will first be listed in Stockholm and London, although a Copenhagen quotation will follow soon.

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Oil dips again

World oil prices dipped a further 10 cents a barrel after a 20-36 cent fall on Tuesday in the wake of Opec's decision to increase its output ceiling to 22.1 million barrels per day for the first half of next year. North Sea crude was priced at $18.15 after the new fall.

STOCK MARKETS

New York:
Dow Jones ..... 2703.71 (+1.70)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average . 37021.46 (+38.16)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2751.48 (–8.60)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency ..... 182.7 (+0.5)
Sydney: AO ..... 1607.5 (+7.1)
Frankfurt: DAX ... 1562.27 (+11.87)
Brussels:
General ..... 6562.73 (–2.89)
Paris: CAC ..... 523.6 (–0.7)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 620.5 (+3.7)
London:
FT–A All-Share ... 1129.22 (+5.70)
FT–"500" ..... 1229.53 (+3.87)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 286.9 (–3.8)
FT. Fixed Interest .... 92.39 (–0.13)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 83.15 (–0.35)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Barclays ..... 543½p (+14p)
J Smurfit ..... 805p (+17p)
Tate & Lyle ..... 280p (+13p)
MAM ..... 835p (+20p)
Amersham ..... 386½p (+13p)
Hambros ..... 248½p (+11p)
Cable & Wireless ..... 492p (+10p)
Body Shop ..... 476½p (+24p)
Britannic ..... 572½p (+24p)
Sun Alliance ..... 317p (+12p)
Refuge ..... 703½p (+17p)
News Corp ..... 657½p (+20p)
Eurotunnel Units ... 527½p (+18p)
Hawker Siddeley ... 625½p (+15p)
Lucas ..... 584p (+15p)
BAT ..... 797½p (+14p)

FALLS:
Savoy Hotel 'A' ..... 770p (–65p)
MJ Gleeson ..... 687½p (–10p)
Steetley ..... 356½p (–12p)
J Foster ..... 118½p (–31p)

Closing prices
Bargains 25199
SEAQ Volume 419.9m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 15%
3-month interbank 15¼–15⅜%
3-month eligible bills:14³¹/₃₂–14¹⁵/₁₆%
US: Prime Rate 10½%
Federal Funds 8¾%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.70-7.68%*
30-year bonds 102²⁸/₃₂–102³¹/₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.5680	£: $1.5683*
£: DM2.7918	$: DM1.7815*
£: SwFr2.4900	$: SwFr1.5885*
£: FFr9.5256	$: FFr6.0775*
£: Yen223.75	$: Yen142.53*
£: Index86.0	$: Index68.9
ECU £0.821193	SDR £0.713050
£: ECU1.217740	£: SDR1.402426

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $410.75 pm-$410.10
close $412.00-412.50 (£263.00-263.50)
New York:
Comex $412.10-412.60*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan) ... $18.20 bbl ($18.45)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.055	1.925
Austria Sch	20.65	19.25
Belgium Fr	61.65	57.75
Canada $	1.908	1.798
Denmark Kr	11.25	10.55
Finland Mkk	6.91	6.51
France Fr	9.92	9.32
Germany Dm	2.905	2.735
Greece Dr	276.50	251.50
Hong Kong $	12.91	12.01
Ireland Pt	1.11	1.04
Italy Lira	2155	2025
Japan Yen	239	223
Netherlands Gld	3.285	3.085
Norway Kr	11.16	10.50
Portugal Esc	265	240
South Africa Rd	4.30	3.90
Spain Pta	187.50	175.50
Sweden Kr	10.43	9.83
Switzerland Fr	2.60	2.44
Turkey Lira	4150	3550
USA $	1.65	1.55
Yugoslavia Dnr	refer	60000

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers cheques

Retail Price Index: 117.5 (October)

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Poll shows big loss of confidence as NIESR gives recession warning

Managers' gloom deepens

By Rodney Lord and Colin Narbrough

Senior businessmen are taking a gloomier view of Britain's economic prospects than earlier in the year, according to the latest MORI monthly poll, which comes on the same day as the National Institute of Economic and Social Research warns that a further rise in interest rates could well result in recession.

The latest MORI poll for *Business* magazine reveals a dramatic loss of confidence in the Government's policies for running the economy and rising concern about the effect of high interest rates on business.

As Mr Nigel Lawson resigned as Chancellor of the Exchequer in the middle of the survey period — October 11 to November 3 — business confidence is almost certain to have slumped further than the survey's figures indicate.

The disclosure by Mr John Major, the new Chancellor, to the Commons on Tuesday that the next inflation figures will show a renewed rise, is also unlikely to help sentiment.

Release of the poll findings follow Monday's Confederation of British Industry quarterly forecast which painted a much darker picture of the outlook for the economy than its August forecast, forseeing a disturbing fall in business investment next year as the economy slows sharply.

Despite Government efforts to stress the effectiveness and continuity of its policies, many economists remain sceptical about key areas of policy, such as the exchange rate, since Mr Lawson resigned, and have produced gloomier forecasts for the coming year.

The MORI poll, the most pessimistic this year, is based on a sample of 500 managers just below director level in the 750 biggest British industrial and service companies.

For the first time, it shows an absolute majority of 53 per cent of the respondents expecting the economy to worsen next year, compared with 42 per cent in the previous month's poll and only 22 per cent in January-February. Just 23 per cent still expect the general economic conditions to improve — the same percentage as those who expect no change.

Among the general public, about 47 per cent expect the economic situation to deteriorate. Though lower than the business response, those expecting a worsening has risen by 8 percentage points since the last survey.

Only 20 per cent of the public foresaw the economy improving, broadly in line with the polling figures over the year.

About 51 per cent of businessmen said interest rates were the main problem facing their business, an increase of 4 percentage points on the previous month. This reflects the rise in base rate to 15 per cent in October and the outlook that interest rates will stay higher longer than expected. In June-July, only 32 per cent of the business respondents cited interest rates as the main problem.

The exchange rate was given by 10 per cent as the main problem — a jump of 4 percentage points since the last poll. Those concerned most by inflation problems were unchanged at 9 per cent.

Meanwhile the National Institute of Economic and Social Research says the time is past for tightening policy to reduce domestic demand; growth in the economy has already slowed and there is a significant risk that the slowdown will become a recession.

The Institute believes the Government's "excessive reliance on high interest rates" should be abandoned. Instead it wants a progressive shift in the policy mix over the next few years towards a relatively tighter fiscal policy and less tight monetary policy.

Describing the outlook as sombre but not critical, the Institute, which has been more pessimistic than the Treasury in recent years, expects the balance of payments deficit to reach £21 billion this year, rather than £20 billion as predicted by the Treasury. It will fall only slightly next year to about £17.9 billion compared with the Treasury's £15 billion.

On growth and inflation it is slightly more optimistic, forecasting 1.6 per cent growth in 1990 (of which non-oil growth is 0.9 per cent) and retail price inflation by the fourth quarter of 5.2 per cent.

The NIESR continues to support full entry to the European Monetary System. The best time to join could be next summer, it says.

The Government's alternative proposals for European economic and monetary union are criticized because they would not deliver the benefits of a common currency.

Bank fails to halt sterling's decline

By Our Economics Editor

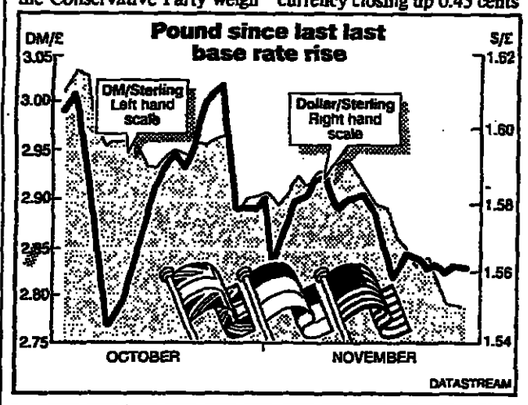
The mark continued to strengthen and in spite of Bank of England intervention sterling finished trading in London weaker overall compared with its previous close. The effective exchange rate index closed down 0.3 at 86.

Sterling opened weak with the rate against the mark below DM2.7850.

This came after overnight pressure in the Far East where political uncertainties connected with the challenge to Mrs Thatcher's leadership of the Conservative Party weigh heaviest. However, intervention by the Bank helped to prop the rate up and by the close the pound was 0.9 pfennigs lower than the previous close at DM2.7918.

The dollar was soft and the decision by the South West Bank of St Louis to put its prime rate back up again did little to alter sentiment.

Against the mark the dollar closed in London down about 1.1 pfennigs at DM1.7805 while sterling was also somewhat higher against the US currency closing up 0.45 cents at $1.5680. Traders continue to expect higher interest rates in Germany, but the general expectation is that the Bundesbank Council will leave rates unchanged at its fortnightly meeting today.



● Williams de Broe, the stockbroker, has flown in the face of conventional wisdom and recommended a policy combination of over-funding in the gilt-edged market and tax cuts. Mr David Smith, chief economist, said the broad definition of the money supply, M4, has been growing too fast stimulating excessive demand. Demand needs to be curbed by over-funding and supply expanded by cutting taxes.

● An upward revision of United States economic growth to an annual rate of 2.7 per cent in the third quarter failed to dispel market fears of a final quarter slump. The Commerce Department had originally estimated the third quarter at 2.5 per cent.

Disturbingly, third quarter after-tax corporate profits dropped by 7.2 per cent, matching the decline in the previous quarter, for the steepest fall since the first quarter of 1986.



Celebration: Bass chairman Ian Prosser enjoys a pint in the City yesterday after announcing the full-year Bass figures

Bass toasts increase to £529m

By Martin Waller

Bass, Britain's biggest brewer and soon to be the world's largest hotel group, raised pre-tax profits from £449 million to £529 million in the 53 weeks to end-September.

The figures caused some initial confusion in the City. Bass included a £31 million surplus on asset disposals and a £64 million exceptional profit from the sale of some European hotels above the line but also reported an unexpected £34 million provision from the decision in June to split its brewing and public house businesses into separate divisions.

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The group is raising its total payout from 23.5p to 28.2p, with a 21.2p final dividend.

Bass is acquiring the North American hotels under the Holiday Inns banner, for $1.98 billion (£1.26 billion). The transaction is expected to take until next February to complete, by when the group will have 1,835 hotels round the world, about 1,500 of them run on a franchise basis.

This would push gearing to about 70 per cent as Bass assumed debts of $1.86 billion. Mr Ian Prosser, the Bass chairman, said he could not comment on suggestions that some of the 77 freehold hotels being acquired might be sold.

Bass beat the market trend in beer sales during the year.

Eurotunnel figures delayed

By Our City Editor

Eurotunnel's 200 bankers have accepted that new cost and timetable estimates for the Channel tunnel will not be available before the end of the year.

In September, Eurotunnel and Trans Manche Link, the Anglo-French consortium of construction companies building the tunnel, set a mid-December timetable for completion of new figures forming the basis for further fund-raising of up to £1.6 billion. It is understood the leaders of the banking consortium accept that considerable progress has been made towards agreement on the costings, now likely to be available by mid-January.

There has been considerable speculation in London and Paris that the bankers were growing increasingly dissatisfied with progress and might withhold further cash when a new accounting period commences on December 31.

Tunnelling is progressing well, with the British contractors making faster headway and the French teams maintaining earlier rates of advance.

Meanwhile, M Jean-Paul Parayre has resigned from the joint Eurotunnel board and other posts within the group.

The shares in London stood at 528p, 18p up on the day.

SE rejects request by Lowndes

By Gillian Bowditch

Lowndes Queensway, the troubled furniture retailer headed by Mr James Gulliver, asked the Stock Exchange for a suspension of its shares on Tuesday, pending its announcement of its second refinancing in four months. But the request was refused and Lowndes' shares fell almost 50 per cent to 5¼p.

A spokesman for Hoare Govett, the company's brokers, confirmed that the request had been made but could not give a reason for the refusal. Lowndes' shares rose 4¼p to 10p yesterday on the news that the group was in detailed discussions with its bankers about a fresh injection of capital.

The group is believed to want to raise more than £18 million in the current refinancing and, although it is keen to have less debt and more equity, the bulk of the new money is likely to come from the banks but a rights issue is also a possibility.

Deutsche set for Morgan victory

By Neil Bennett

Deutsche Bank's £950 million offer for Morgan Grenfell now seems unstoppable after the West German bank bought a 14.9 per cent stake in Morgan from Banque Indosuez, and obtained Bank of England approval for the takeover.

Deutsche also revealed it had been buying Morgan shares in the market minutes before the bid on Monday. Together with the 23 million shares it bought from Indosuez at 550p each, or £127 million, and its original 4.9 per cent holding, these take its total to 29.9 per cent.

This marks the end of Indosuez's involvement in Morgan Grenfell, where it had wanted to take a 25 per cent stake.

Indosuez's decision also makes it certain that Willis Faber, the insurance broker, will accept Deutsche's offer for its remaining 10 per cent stake in Morgan.

Willis's extraordinary meeting to agree a sale of shares to Indosuez was adjourned yesterday. If Willis does sell at 550p it will be hit by a capital gains tax bill of more than £27 million.

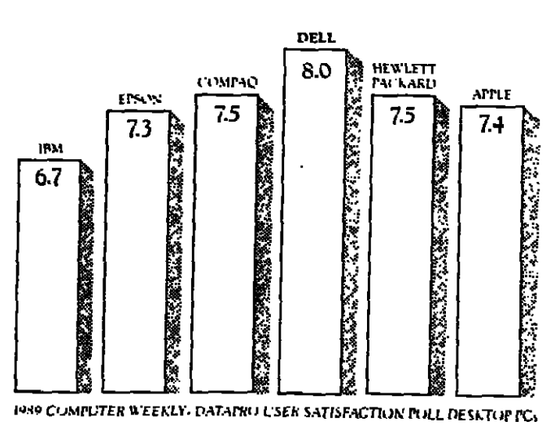
The Bank of England's approval comes just two days after the bid since the Bank was told of the negotiations at every stage and has known Deutsche since it set up a branch in the City in the early eighties.

"We had a feeling that the bank would not refuse us," said a spokesman. Deutsche's offer document for Morgan is published tomorrow.

City commentators believe it is a matter of days rather than weeks before the bid goes unconditional. Morgan's shares closed unchanged yesterday at 536p.

Yesterday Banque Indosuez's parent company, Compagnie Financière de Suez, consoled itself over its defeat at Morgan, by announcing a Fr2.2 billion (£231 million) tie-up with Baltica Holding, the Danish financial services group.

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£5.3bn cash pile offers 'commanding position' for more bids

Hanson joins the exclusive £1bn club

By John Bell, City Editor

Hanson, the Anglo-American industrial conglomerate, has joined the handful of British companies reporting annual profits above £1 billion.

At £1.064 billion, they showed an increase of 21 per cent on last year's £880 million. Lord Hanson, chairman, revealed that the cash mountain stood at £5.3 billion on September 30.

With substantial unused borrowing facilities the group was in a "commanding position" to make further acquisitions, he said.

Last year, the group launched its most ambitious bid to date, snatching Consolidated Gold Fields from Minorco in a deal worth £3.5 billion.

Lord Hanson said that his group, with a market value of £10.9 billion, now ranked as the sixth largest British industrial company.

He reported that gearing rose to 78 per cent at the year-end but was expected to reduce substantially this year as unwanted parts of Consolidated Gold Fields were sold.

Last year's advances had taken place against a background of high interest rates, wide currency fluctuations and indications of reduced growth in some economic sectors, Lord Hanson told shareholders.

Cash balances were boosted by asset sales including buy-outs of about £1.4 billion generating extraordinary income of more than £400 million before tax.

The group would continue to evolve as it created opportunities in line with its criteria of increasing profit, earnings per share and return on capital. "We look forward to further excellent results," said Lord Hanson.

Sir Gordon White, who heads the US operations of Hanson Industries, reported the fifteenth record year with a 32 per cent rise in trading profit to £387 million on sales of £3.3 billion compared with £2.6 billion last time. Sir Gordon said that Hanson Industries enjoyed excellent prospects in the US.

In Britain, the consumer interests including Imperial Tobacco increased trading profit from £201 million to £247 million.

The British industrial division was among the star performers last year with a trading profits increase from £92 million to £133 million.

In the US, the consumer products division performed especially well turning in trading profits of £100 million against £67 million last time.

Fully diluted earnings per share rose 16 per cent to 18.4p. As forecast at the time of the ConsGold bid, shareholders receive a 25 per cent increase in dividends to 8.5p per share after a final payment of 6p.

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Inns and outs of Bass's predicament

Bass found itself in the alarming position of being still effectively in purdah as it announced its full-year results. The acquisition of the Holiday Inns international business in the US, which will drag on well into the new year, brings onerous reporting restrictions under SEC rules.

Bass cannot therefore say, as no doubt it would like to, that none of the hotels being acquired is for sale, even to cut its heavy gearing. It cannot warn, as did Allied on Monday, of the effects of a cutback on consumer spending or mention its weighting towards the north, at once less affluent and less prone to a spending squeeze. It cannot even point to which parts of the group might be sold to cut gearing – at 70 per cent even after a revaluation of the property portfolio which threw up a £1 billion-plus surplus – although a substantial asset sale looks unlikely.

There are two clear points of view over the Holiday Inns deal. One is that the group has burdened itself with horrific debts as it embarks on a risky US acquisition. The other is that Bass, self-evidently the best-managed of the beerage, has increased its overseas operations in a high-growth business as the British economy is on the slide.

The analogy, perhaps, is with GrandMet's purchase of Pillsbury, where initial City damnation is being replaced with grudging acceptance. A similar process should see Bass rescued from its present poor rating, just in time for a UK economic upturn to boost its core business.

Pre-tax profits of £529 million, up from £449 million, in the 53 weeks to end-September included an unexpected £34 million in reorganization costs from the demerging of its pubs and brewing interests. Exceptional surpluses from disposals were in line with City forecasts at £95 million.

The shares, after dropping on initial confusion, ended ahead 1p at 1,003p. Pre-tax profits of £580 million this year look achievable. The shares still change hands at just 8.5 times' future earnings. The prospective dividend yield is 4.3 per cent. The shares should make progress once the virtues of Holiday Inns become apparent.

Tate & Lyle

A large spoonful of profits from Tate & Lyle, and the hint of still better days to come, has allowed the Mr Cube group easily to dissolve what might otherwise have been viewed as an horrific gearing figure at its September 30 year-end.

It turned out to be 159 per cent – up from 105 per cent – and, as such, reached a level which might otherwise have screamed "rights issue."

Yet the shares jumped 13p to 280p, not only because pre-tax profit at £200 million against £120 million comfortably exceeded best expectations, but because the team under chairman Mr Neil Shaw has proved that the refocusing of the group which has taken nearly two years is working.

The interest cover at 3.9 times and the strong operational cash flow of £284.7 million also helped take out the sting of 159 per cent.

The profits outcome owed more to the benefits of acquisitions than to core activities. Of the year's pre-interest profit of £271 million, £171 million come from recent deals and £99.6 million from underlying operations.

The overall pre-tax result also benefits from a once-off £5.4 million EC backpayment, but the fundamental message of a group as a world leader in the sweeteners and starches field has not been lost on the market – now busy upgrading current forecasts.

Tate & Lyle, which made investments of £372 million in its chosen field and harvested £35.9 million from disposals, has some further trimming to do. The sale of automotive interests and other bits and pieces – probably including bulk liquid storage – would bring in welcomed funds to lower the gearing level. And if all goes to plan, then gearing could be looking a more comfortable 80 per cent to 90 per cent a year from now.

Dreams of acquiring a European beet company may have been spoilt by the fancy 23 times multiple recently paid for Belgium's Raffinerie Tirlemontoise, but the Far East remains a shopping area.

Pre-tax profits forecasts of at least £220 million this year put the shares on a p/e ratio of 9.2 backed by a prospective 4.8 per cent yield. Go sweet on Tate & Lyle.



ROS DRINKWATER

Profits helped sweeten bitter levels of gearing at Tate & Lyle: Neil Shaw, chairman, yesterday

Dawson International

The current slump in the textile sector is certainly separating the sheep from the goats with Dawson International, the knitwear company which owns the Pringle and Ballantyne brands, one of the few strong performers in the sector.

Goats have been a problem for Dawson in the past couple of years with the price of pure cashmere, which comes in large part from several million goats in Mongolia, doubling to £100 a kilo. Quality has also been erratic due to the economic problems in China.

However, Dawson's acquisition of Consumer Products Group, the sportswear and thermal underwear group in the US, a year ago has proved a sound deal and has helped to reduce Dawson's dependence on the cashmere. More than 50 per cent of the group's profits now come from the US.

In the six months to September, Dawson made pre-tax profits of £23.5 million up from £21.1 million on sales of £242 million up from £180 million. Eps rose 11.5 per cent to 9.7p and the interim dividend is up 9.4 per cent at 2.9p.

CPG contributed £5 million to profits in the first half, and currency movements added another £1.3 million. In the US sales and profits rose 14 per cent but profits in Britain were down overall. Gearing at the year-end will be about 40 per cent, up from 27 per cent at the end of last year.

Dawson shares rose 7p to 210p putting them on a prospective p/e of 11 assuming full-year profits of £49 million. The shares are on a premium to the sector, which is well deserved, and they are unlikely to soar in the short term but, at the same time, that premium is not likely to disappear. With the current management, and the good US news, investors should consider buying the shares on any signs of weakness.

Rolls in tender for £125m Japan order

Tokyo (Reuter) – Japan has invited US and European aircraft engine makers to participate in a Y28 billion (£125 million) project to develop jet engines for supersonic passenger aircraft.

"We invited Japanese and foreign manufacturers to participate. Yesterday was the last day for them to respond," an official of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry said yesterday.

He declined to say what companies would take part in the eight-year project, but industry sources said at least four foreign and three Japanese firms would participate.

Foreign companies agreeing to participate are Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Services and General Electric of the US, Rolls-Royce and SNECMA of France, industry sources said.

Japanese participants are Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and Kawasaki Heavy Industries. The project involves basic research and development on the supersonic aircraft engines.

Barclays expands share registration

By Our Financial Staff

Barclays Bank has made another move to increase its share of the expanding share registrars market by buying Ravensbourne Registrars Services from Barings for a modest premium over its £2.1 million net assets.

The deal, which includes Ravensbourne's contract to run the 1.8 million National Trust members' register, will put Barclays third in the registration market after NatWest and Lloyds.

Hitherto, Barclays had a disproportionately small registration business among the high street banks, but it has expanded by taking over the registration business of Hill Samuel in July.

In terms of corporate share registration, Barclays expands from servicing 4.4 million to 6.4 million shareholders.

Barclays has acquired 12 new contracts this year, including taking over much of the responsibility for the 350,000 strong British Airways register.

John Foster profits drop to £711,000

By Philip Pangalos

Shares in John Foster & Son, the worsted and fabric weaver, lost 31p to 119p after pre-tax profits dropped from £1.47 million to £711,000 for the half-year to September 1, and said full-year profits would be well down.

The results followed a failure to meet sales targets which resulted in a less efficient cost base and product mix. Turnover edged lower to £16.53 million from £16.74 million after disappointing British sales. Earnings per share fall from 9.3p to 4.1p, but the interim dividend stays at 1.75p.

Mr Victor Watson, the chairman, said that as a result of greater penetration in Europe and America, unusually high costs have been incurred.

About 80 per cent of turnover arises overseas, and Japan remains the most important export market. The company expects full-year profits to be well below those of last year.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Parkway advances by 70% to pre-tax £8.1m

Parkway, the USM quoted printing services group, has raised pre-tax profits 70 per cent to £8.1 million in the year to end-September on sales up from £43 million to £100 million. The total dividend rises from 3p to 3.5p out of earnings down from 15.9p to 14p. Parkway has had to make a £3.3 million extraordinary charge for the sale of the Blackburn Group and restructuring. The shares rose 2p to 135p.

The City had originally expected £12 million from Parkway but a warning from the group in September lowered hopes. Parkway's pre-press activities are heavily dependent on the advertising industry. However Parkway says it will pick up market share in Europe and the US.

Perpetual in 34% reverse

Falling demand for unit trusts has sent Perpetual's pre-tax profits down by 34 per cent £1.73 million for the year to end-September, although the total dividend is maintained at 2.5p. Sales dropped 24 per cent to £58.6 million. Mr Martya Arbib, the chairman, said that inflation and changes in VAT regulations next year would put pressure on the group's overheads.

Multitrust pays double

Multitrust, the investment trust, has reversed a pre-tax loss of £87,275 into revenue of £53,536 for the year to end-September. Income from investments rose to £73,717 (£57,090). The dividend is doubled to 1p from earnings per share of 1.29p against a 3.34p loss. However, the net asset value per ordinary share has fallen from 52.9p to 50.2p. The shares were unchanged at 41p.

BHP Steel expansion

BHP Steel, a member of Australia's BHP Group, is going ahead with a Aus$200 million (£100 million) development project at its Whyalla steelworks in South Australia after a two-year study.

Work will start next year and the project is expected to provide more than 200 new jobs during construction. The Whyalla plant currently produces 1 million tonnes of raw steel a year. The new development comes in addition to Aus$650 million of export projects which were announced by BHP.

Changes at News Int

Mr Bill O'Neill, managing director of News International Newspapers Ltd, a subsidiary of News International plc, is appointed senior vice-president/human resources of News America Publishing Inc from January 1. Mr August Fischer, general manager, becomes managing director of News International Newspapers, also from January 1.

De La Rue stake sold

Bowater Industries, the packaging and industrial products group, has sold the De La Rue stake held by Norton Opax, the printing group Bowater took over in September, for £13 million. Bowater said the sale of Norton's holding in J Waddington had been completed previously at a £3.8 million. The proceeds have been used to reduce borrowing.

TSB offshoot ahead

TSB Channel Islands, the quoted offshoot of the TSB Group, has reported pre-tax profits of £7.50 million, an improvement of £201,000, for the year to end-October. A 2.96p final dividend makes a total of 5.36p against 4.88p.

The previous year's figures, however, were inflated by a £1.4 million surplus in respect of the sale of investments. TSB Channel Islands has since changed its accounting policy to spread gains or losses over the life of the portfolio as part of the yield.

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Dairy Farm tightens hold as associate's profits soar to £73m

Seabrook to head Kwik Save

By Martin Waller

Dairy Farm, the Far Eastern company that owns 25 per cent of Kwik Save Group, has apparently tightened its grip on its associate with the appointment of Mr Graeme Seabrook as chief executive of the budget retail grocers.

The news came as Kwik Save reported pre-tax profits increased from £55.2 million to £73.2 million in the year to August 26.

Mr Seabrook replaces Mr Ian Howe, who also retires as chairman at the annual meeting in January, to be succeeded by Sir Timothy Harford, a non-executive director. Mr Seabrook joined the board as managing director in April last year at Dairy Farm's instigation.

Asked about the implications of the move, he said: "Nothing changes." He said he did not know of Dairy Farm's plans or whether it intended a full takeover, a move long expected by the market. He added that he liked having Dairy Farm as an investor and saw it as "supportive" rather than a predator.

Kwik Save is paying a 7.3p final dividend on January 19, making a total increased from 7.8p to 10.5p. Sales rose by 27 per cent to £1.239 billion. Earnings per share were 36 per cent ahead at 31.6p.

Mr Howe said high interest rates and higher inflation were squeezing consumer spending. Customers were more cost-conscious, allowing Kwik Save to expand its market share. The store opening programme had been boosted by the acquisition of the 53-strong Victor Value chain in March, which increased sales area by almost 16 per cent to about 3.8 million sq ft.

Electronic point-of-sale scanning had been introduced to another 221 stores, bringing the total to 277 out of the 650 or so now in the group. "Kwik Save, I believe, now has one of the highest levels of Epos installations of any food retailer," Mr Howe said.

Analysts have suggested that Epos represents the key to Kwik Save's future growth, allowing it to increase the number of products stocked. Mr Greville Cater, from Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, described the figures as "outstanding," with like-for-like sales growth of 13.7 per cent in the second half. He is forecasting £91.5 million pre-tax this financial year.

Mr Howe is to start a firm specializing in computerized systems for retailers with Kwik Save his first big client.

Dawson acts to check price rises

By Gillian Bowditch

Dawson International, the Scottish knitwear group which owns the brand names of Pringle and Ballantyne, is holding the price of its cashmere sweaters this winter in an attempt to stabilize the market.

The price of pure cashmere has doubled in the last two years and Mr Ronald Miller, Dawson's chairman, says that with the economic chaos in China, the major supplier of cashmere, the quality of the wool has fallen.

"We require top quality cashmere for our sweaters," he said. "Any impurity shows up in our sweaters. Even a few dark hairs would ruin the look of a white cashmere sweater."

Dawson, which is the world's largest manufacturer of cashmere, now has an assurance from the Chinese authorities that all cashmere coming out of China will have a government stamp of approval.

The company lifted pre-tax profits from £21.1 million to £23.5 million on sales of £242 million, up from £180 million, in the six months to September. Earnings rose 11.5 per cent to 9.7p and the interim dividend is up 9.4 per cent at 2.9p.

The star performer in the group was its US division which now contributes more than 50 per cent of group profits. Dawson shares rose 7p to 210p.

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JAMES MORGAN

No pulling the wool over *his* eyes in the search for quality: Ronald Miller yesterday

New-look FKI up to £35.4m in half year

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

FKI, the main relic of the short-lived FKI Babcock conglomerate, lifted pre-tax profits on continuing activities by 11 per cent to £35.4 million in the six months to end-September, excluding Babcock International, demerged in August.

Earnings per share rose by 20 per cent to 6.31p per share, partly due to a fall in the tax charge to 20 per cent. The lower charge will likely continue this year and next but will rise after that unless tax-loss businesses are bought.

The interim dividend is doubled to 2p, partly to reduce disparity, indicating a likely full-year total of about 4.5p per share.

Profits were helped by a £2 million gain from currency translation but suffered a £1.25 million rise in pension costs from accounting changes. Sales increased by 10 per cent to £397 million and by about 8 per cent before the effect of currency translation on the American division.

The UK-centred electrical products group, which includes transport, rail and control equipment and machine tools, achieved record sales and profits amounting to about 60 per cent of the total.

Babcock Industries, the holding company for US businesses, raised operating profits by 5 per cent in sterling but they fell by 4 per cent in dollars due to the run-off of old contracts.

Mr Norman Scoular, chief executive, said that following the abandonment of plans to sell American interests, FKI would be reorganized in international businesses and that the US-based hardware manufacturing group was seeking expansion by acquisition in Europe.

He said FKI would continue its acquisition policy on a modest scale using cash rather than shares. Group borrowings are about £65 million and loan gearing is expected to fall to 20 per cent of shareholders' assets by the year-end.

Order books rose by 12 per cent during the half-year. Mr Tony Gartland, the non-executive chairman, who holds 6 per cent of the stock but is now developing his own investment group, said the second half would be tougher, but FKI had taken measures that should almost fully offset any difficulties.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Savoy and Trusthouse call a five-year truce

Eventually, The Savoy Hotel would have lost in its battle to keep Trusthouse Forte at arm's length. At some time, the technical arguments would have hit a brick wall and the commonsense which dictates that the owners of nearly 70 per cent of the shares ought to call the shots would have taken over.

That would not have happened, however, until a fortune had been spent in legal fees. Given that the playing field for funding endless litigation is tilted firmly in THF's direction, Savoy has paid a small price for peace. It has provided two extra gilded chairs at the boardroom table, and established that the perpetually morning-suited Giles Shepard will remain in day-to-day control.

The agreement lasts for five years, at the end of which the heirs apparent of both companies may reasonably expect to be free to do whatever deal seems appropriate at the time. So long as Lord Forte and Sir Hugh Wontner remain in positions of influence, it is unlikely that the two companies will get any closer, and it is obviously better to spend the waiting days in a state of ceasefire than one of legal warfare.

Minority Savoy shareholders outside the closed circle of "the family" have long ago sold out to THF if they were ever there for strictly commercial reasons. Those who have invested either for the long haul or out of an affinity for a unique part of upper class London life have lost nothing by the agreement. It does make an eventual takeover of Savoy more likely, but not for five years and on terms which the Savoy management will be in a position to influence.

Hanson drives on

The Hanson juggernaut continues to progress with scarcely a pause for breath – even after swallowing ConsGold. Despite the £3.5 billion payment, Hanson expects to be cash-positive towards the end of the current year. Hanson-watchers in the City say this is a conservative estimate and that the cash pile, now £5.3 billion, will exceed gross debt far sooner.

The $650 million sale proceeds of ConsGold's US building products operations should be banked by spring. Other disposals will doubtless follow. A substantial swing will arise when holders of the £1 billion convertible are able to switch into Hanson ordinary shares next year. If just half decide to make the change, a cool half billion pounds will switch from one side of the balance sheet to the other, cutting net debt by £1 billion.

Lord Hanson hinted yesterday that further targets are being lined up. The climate for bidders has been vastly improved by the United Airlines buyout fiasco when bankers pulled in their horns over the inflated price demanded. That marked the end of a period of gross excess.

Hanson has clearly been pleased with the unfashionable tobacco businesses bought from Imperial group. Perhaps Sir James Goldsmith many not have the field to himself when he finally gets his act in shape for a new assault on BAT.

Scandinavian appeal

One of the most curious animals to emerge from the investment trust zoo is the Anglo-Scandinavian Investment Trust, which is coming to the London and Stockholm markets through an offer for sale. It is not, as any reasonable person might imagine, a trust designed to carry British investors into the rarefied clean air of the Scandinavian markets, but to bring the benefits of British investment trusts to a Nordic audience.

More than half the shares are likely to start in Scandinavian hands, and the strong yield (by Nordic standards) of 6 per cent and their tough taxes on investment should ensure they stay there. Presumably the appeal for British investors is that there will be such a steady demand for the shares from Scandinavian investors that the price will not assume the automatic discount which is the lot of the average investment trust.

However convoluted this reasoning, the sponsors JS Gadd must either be very sure of themselves, or hopeless when it comes to timing. The £20 million trust may be the first British company to get a quote on the Stockholm stock exchange, but it comes on offer while most British investors are preoccupied with the £5.3 billion water flotation. With more than half the trust preplaced, and the rest underwritten, the issue is home and dry.

But while Scandinavian investors may find the 6 per cent gross yield irresistible, British investors may query Anglo-Scandinavian's policy to plough 85 per cent of its funds into other trusts, leading to a fee-on-fee circle. Similar funds have performed well however, since they concentrate on trusts with discounts of more than 20 per cent, which often find themselves on the end of a bid. For those who have anything left in the kitty after becoming H2Owners, there are less interesting places to put it than Anglo-Scandinavian.

Tate & Lyle ahead at £200m

By Colin Campbell

Tate & Lyle, fast-emerging from its 18-month reshaping programme, turned in pre-tax profits of £200.4 million for the year to end-September, up 67 per cent from £120.1 million.

The outcome was above market expectations, and the shares rose by 13p to 280p.

Mr Neil Shaw, chairman and chief executive, says population increases and new product developments are leading to consistent global growth in the group's core markets, and that a number of divisions within Tate & Lyle had an "excellent year."

Turnover rose by 61 per cent from £2.09 billion to £3.36 billion, and the final dividend of 6.1p, payable February 5, makes 9p for the year, up 22 per cent.

Tate & Lyle Sugars in Britain had an "excellent year" helped by a dry summer and high demand for liquid sugar for soft drinks.

Tate & Lyle has earmarked further non-core interests for sale. Last year the group made investments of £372 million and reaped £35.9 million from disposals.

Proceeds from further non-core sales would be applied to the further reaction of gearing – at the 1989 balance sheet date, gearing stood at 159 per cent against 105 per cent.

"We continue to focus on optimizing shareholder value through consistent growth in earnings and progressive but affordable increases in dividend payments," Mr Shaw adds.

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US bank increases prime rate

From James Bone
New York

Southwest Bank of St Louis, which lowered its prime rate half a point in response to an easing by the Federal Reserve, said yesterday it had raised it back to 10.5 per cent because of indications that the Fed is not going to ease further.

Southwest cut its prime rate on November 8, but leading banks did not follow suit.

Economists have been confused by recent signals on interest rates by the Fed.

Last week, it pumped reserves into the system, pushing down the federal funds rate at which banks lend to each other overnight. Analysts concluded that it wanted to lower interest rates in response to a slowing economy.

But it has since drained reserves to shore up the rate. Most economists still predict, however, that interest rates will fall by the year-end.

Shearson Lehman makes top management changes

From James Bone, New York

Shearson Lehman Hutton has announced sweeping management changes amid reports that the troubled brokerage house is considering selling a large block of its shares to an outside investor in exchange for a capital infusion.

The second largest US securities firm, which this month began laying off 800 of its 38,500 staff in response to the slowdown on Wall Street, said Mr Jeffrey Lane, its president and chief operating officer, would be reassigned to a lesser position and it was shuffling other top officials.

The company said it was dividing its businesses into four groups: capital markets, investment and merchant banking, private client and subsidiary activities. The positions of president and chief operating officer were eliminated and new top managers were appointed to each of the four new groups.

Shearson also disbanded its top policy-making committee, but would create a new business development panel to help chart its strategies for the 1990s.

"Shearson Lehman Hutton's current management structure served us well in the 1980s," Mr Peter Cohen, chief executive officer, said. "However, the challenges we confront today are different from those of the past decade."

Analysts said the shake-up stemmed from the desire of American Express to increase Shearson's profitability so it can reduce its 62 per cent stake in the investment firm.

Shearson is fighting to prevent a possible downgrading of its bonds by Moody's Investors Service.

American Express, which has long said it wants to cut its holding to less than 50 per cent, was said to be considering selling a percentage of its shares to an outside investor who would provide a capital infusion.

Such a deal would require approval by the directors of both Shearson and American Express, and could therefore be obstructed by Nippon Life Insurance Company, the large Japanese insurance firm that holds 13 per cent of Shearson.

Mr Lane will become president of the subsidiary activities group, responsible for managing all Shearson's money management subsidiaries.

Mr Robert Fuld, the former head of the taxable fixed-income division, who was named president of the capital markets group, was seen as replacing Mr Lane as Mr Cohen's second-in-command.

Staffing contracts at CSV

Tim Huddart, a director of institutional sales at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, and leader of its most successful equity sales team, has resigned – and his abrupt departure may well have opened the floodgates at CSV once again. For Huddart, aged 31, handed in his notice on Tuesday, after what he admits was a "bit of a fight" with Citicorp. He had apparently asked for a number of two-year contracts for a score or two of his most able employees but, to his great surprise, the request, after lengthy consideration, was largely refused. "It is hardly reassuring," Huddart tells me. "It made me feel as if the big "C" in commitment was missing." Indeed, the news that Citicorp was reluctant to hand out more than a handful of contracts – despite its repeated assurances from the very highest level within the American parent that it was a long-term player in London – will do little to boost morale in its glitzy headquarters overlooking the Thames in Hays Lane. Meanwhile Huddart, who was offered – but declined – a contract, has landed a new job in record short time. He starts on Monday at CL-Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank as both a senior UK equity salesman and a divisional director. The move means that he will be reunited with Russell Leiman, who himself left CSV almost a year ago and is now chief executive of institutional equities at CL-ALC.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Floorless presentation

The rather modest performance in shares of Argyll, the Safeway supermarket group, so far this week, despite a healthy 18 per cent increase in profits, can perhaps be explained by an unfortunate incident which followed its meeting with analysts on Tuesday to discuss the aforementioned interim results. After a briefing at Midland Bank's offices in Poultry, a party of eight attendees – including analysts Keith Waite from Warburg, Julian Howard from BZW and Argyll's somewhat embarrassed director of investor relations Paul Howard – found themselves trapped in a lift on the second floor of the building for almost 10 minutes. Despite reassurances from a Midland employee among the eight that "This often happens," the bank's security officers were eventually left with no alternative but to winch them down to safety by hand.

Inconvenience

There was much concern at Grandfield Rork Collins, the City public relations agency, the other day when the water supply to the building was mysteriously cut off for 48 hours. As Thames Water tinkered ineffectually, Josceline Grove, GRC's ever-resourceful managing director, came up with at least one solution. He prevailed upon that august body, the City Corporation Cleansing Department, to open the splendidly renovated but mothballed public conveniencies in the middle of the highway outside – near the Pru building in Holborn – purely for the benefit of GRC's increasingly-desperate staff.



That's nothing – Tate and Lyle have put on 67%

Season's eatings

Never one to miss a sales opportunity, Lancashire crispmaker Bensons is launching a roast turkey and stuffing flavoured variety for the Christmas season.

Low key at Bass

American readers, please avert your eyes. No, *please*. Otherwise the Securities and Exchange Commission will wreak a terrible vengeance on this diary, all in the name of protecting the innocence of American investors. Other readers may continue. Here goes: Bass profits are up 18 per cent. Whew. But analysts at the briefing for the brewing giant – which is attempting to buy the Holiday Inn hotel chain in the US – were baffled by a request, in a tersely worded circular handed to them upon their arrival, "not to forward into the US or to US persons the reports which you are likely to write as a result of this meeting." Absolutely no comment on the company's future was allowed during the course of the meeting, and sleek American lawyers circled the proceedings like sharks, ensuring that the rules were adhered to. The whole daft business was apparently necessitated because Bass is issuing shares in New York for Holiday Inn, and this extraordinary state of affairs is likely to continue for up to four months, until the deal is completed.

Shome miskate

An American ordering wing of skate in Corney & Barrow's Moorgate branch was overheard asking: "Exactly what type of bird is a skate?"

● Australian newspaper delivery boys have banded into a trade union. One of their first moves has been to rename themselves "media couriers."

Carol Leonard

'Banks told to check contracts'

By Our City Staff

The Bank of England has advised banks to check the legality of the contracts they enter into, according to the British Banking Association.

Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor, gave this advice in an answer to a letter from Sir Jeremy Morse, the BBA's president, asking for clarification after the recent High Court ruling making unlawful swap transactions by local councils.

"It cannot be for me to interpret the law, but recent events emphasize it must be unwise for a bank to enter into a contract where it cannot be sure that that contract is legally valid and consequently enforceable," said the Governor, quoted by the BBA.

The Bank of England declined to comment. However, it had stated after the ruling that it was not in its role to make judgements on the legality of swap transactions. An appeal against the court decision will be heard on January 15.

In his letter to the Bank, Sir Jeremy claimed many banks were reviewing their swap transactions with other non-incorporated bodies such as building societies.

However, building societies have said they have met no problem finding counterparties in their swap transactions. They stressed the 1986 Building Societies Act empowered them to enter swap transactions for hedging purposes.

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Kwek on funds charges

Mr Kwek Hong Png, one of the world's richest men, appeared in a Singapore court charged with criminal breach of trust involving misappropriation of funds.

Mr Kwek, aged 78, stood in the dock looking weak and tired as a judge set August 20 for his trial.

He offered no plea on charges of abetting his nephew, Mr Quek Leng Chye, the founder of the Hong Leong Group, with criminal breach of trust to misappropriate Sing$843,000 (£277,000) from Tripartite Developers, a property company.

GKN Axles in £17m contract

GKN Axles, part of GKN, has won a contract worth £17 million a year to supply axles to IBC Vehicles of Luton, jointly owned by General Motors and Isuzu Motors of Japan. The contract will be supported by a £15.5 million investment programme and will create about 240 jobs at a new plant in Birmingham.

Buyout talks

Mr Marvin Traub, chairman of Bloomingdale's, the US retail chain put up for sale in September by Campeau of Canada, has had talks in Tokyo with Japanese companies on helping finance a $1.2 billion (£766 million) management buyout.

Westpac buy

Westpac Banking has bought just under 6 per cent in the Bank of Melbourne, one of Australia's smaller banks. Mr Stuart Fowler, Westpac managing director, said the shares, which were trading at Aus$2.82 (£1.40), were bought after being offered.

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Siebe pleases market with interim jump to £80.8m

By Our City Staff

Siebe, the British engineer which has expanded over the past couple of years into one of the world's largest manufacturing control groups, increased pre-tax profits by 20 per cent to £80.8 million for the six months to end-September.

The news pleased the stock market, which marked Siebe shares up 8p to 462p.

The interim dividend is raised 48.4 per cent to 5p. Siebe explains that this is to balance out disparity between the two half-year payments as well as to reflect the profits increase. Earnings per share are up 12.4 per cent to 24.4p.

Mr William Pybus, the chairman, said the second half had started well and that he expected the encouraging trend to continue.

The fall in the pound boosted Siebe's first-half profits by £3 million.

Mr Barrie Stephens, the chief executive, said the core mechanical controls division, which now rivals the US Honeywell group, raised interim profits by 24 per cent to £48 million on sales up 58 per cent to £385 million.

Profits from CompAir, the compressed air group, rose 12 per cent to £12 million on sales up 15 per cent to £125 million.

Specialized mechanical engineering raised profits by 13 per cent to £8 million on sales up 15 per cent to £84 million, and the safety division raised profits by 12 per cent to £13 million on sales up 4 per cent to £69 million.

Recent acquisitions, Gestra and Paragon Electric, contributed £3.4 million to profits. MEFA contributed £300,000 for the first three months of ownership.

Borrowings stand at 35 per cent of shareholders' funds. Any acquisitions later this year will be small.

Again Siebe emphasizes it will not be issuing shares, a throwback to the three rights issues in three years, culminating in the £214 million call during the October 1987 market crash.

The group order book stands at just under £300 million, up about 7 per cent at the last year-end. Sales have increased by 16 per cent to £663 million of which £160 million was to Western Europe, double the figure achieved three years ago.



'Rivalling Honeywell': Barrie Stephens, the chief executive

Global oil and gas firm sold

By Our Industrial Staff

Global Engineering, a privately-owned oil and gas engineering company based in Britain, is being bought by EB Consultants, a division of the Elektrisk Bureau of Norway.

No price for the deal was disclosed yesterday.

Global Engineering had a turnover of just under £33 million in 1988.

Elektrisk Bureau is 63 per cent owned by Asea Brown Boveri, which is based in Switzerland.

The Global group will retain its existing management team as well as its corporate headquarters in Britain.

"It will not be a mother-daughter relationship, more a sister-sister relationship," Mr Jan Wennesland, Elektrisk Bureau's executive vice-president, said.

"It is very important for us to strengthen co-operation between the United Kingdom and Norway," he added.

Asked if the purchase would mean cost-cutting measures being introduced at Global, Mr Wennesland said it was more likely to mean expansion.

Global has 20 offices in 16 countries.

Profits at Vosper Thornycroft rise 22.8% to £5.34m

By Philip Pangalos

Southampton warship builder and marine engineer, Vosper Thornycroft, unveiled a 22.8 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £5.34 million for the half-year to October 1, on turnover up from £38.3 million to £48.6 million.

Mr Roy Withers, chairman, is confident of another successful year. He said the company is pursuing the Brunei corvettes order for three vessels and is optimistic about the outcome. Work outstanding is valued at about £500 million. If the Brunei contract is won, and indications are that it will be, it will be worth an extra £200 million.

Earnings per share increased from 9.2p to 11.3p and the interim dividend is 3.125p, against 2.75p. Mr Martin Jay, chief executive, said current contracts have made good progress and there are possible Middle and Far Eastern orders being pursued.

The company has had to finance a greater part of its work-in-progress from its own resources, leading to cash balances, down from £27 million to £13 million. The problem over payments due under an export contract for a small number of patrol vessels is being resolved and normal working has resumed.

Vosper has received its first order for a bow thruster, a new product which increases a vessel's manoeuvrability.

The group has also won its first contract from the Royal Air Force to supply 32 aircraft hydraulic servicing units, worth about £3 million. Mr Withers is to stand down next year and Mr Peter Usher, deputy chairman, will succeed him. County NatWest Wood-Mac is keeping its full-year Vosper profit forecast at £12 million.

Nixdorf share decline

Bonn (Reuter) — The share price of Nixdorf fell DM24 to close at DM296 (£106) on the Frankfurt bourse after a business newsletter reported that Siemens and Mannesmann had estimated the value of the share at 150 and below DM200 respectively. Nixdorf has reported a group pre-tax loss of DM465 million for the first nine months of 1989.

No direct comparison was available for the corresponding period last year but Nixdorf made a DM59.8 million loss for the whole of 1988. The company, which has been hit by rising costs, is paying no dividend this year.

Porter Chadburn leaps 92% to interim £3.32m



Warning: Raymond Dinkin

Pre-tax profits at Porter Chadburn, the packaging and consumer leisure group, surged 92 per cent to £3.32 million in the six months to end-September on sales up 68 per cent at £46.6 million.

The interim dividend jumped 21 per cent to 0.725p and earnings 31 per cent to 4.38p.

But Mr Raymond Dinkin, chairman, cautioned that the group was taking action to minimize the impact on growth of difficult trading conditions in Britain. "However, we remain acquisitive and believe the UK environment will provide attractive opportunities to further our growth strategy," he said.

'No evidence insider trading on increase'

By Colin Narbrough

Senior government officials responsible for pursuing City wrongdoers have told a key parliamentary committee they have no evidence that insider dealing is on the increase.

Testifying before the Commons select committee for trade and industry, Mr David Durie, head of the Department of Trade and Industry's Investigations Division, said the Stock Exchange had referred about 30 cases of suspected insider trading each year for the past three years.

But the number of requests for investigation of companies suspected of malpractice had risen by 45 per cent to 640 this year, possibly due to growing public awareness of the DTI's watchdog role rather than any growth in wrongdoing.

Unlike formal Stock Exchange referrals of insider dealing, the investigation requests come from the general public, employees of a company, or its rivals.

In response to criticism from MPs about the slowness of the inquiry process, Mr Durie admitted he "could not claim to be satisfied."

Mr Douglas Hoyle, Labour MP for Warrington North, described delays of six and seven years in some company inquiries as "scandalous."

Trade with Argentina supported

Buenos Aires (Reuter) — British businessmen would like to return to the days when Britain was Argentina's number one trade partner, long before both countries fought over the Falkland Islands in 1982, a British banker said.

"Britain was once Argentina's main trading partner . . . and there is no reason why that should not be regained," Sir William Harding, Lloyds Bank adviser for Latin America, told the Argentine British Chamber of Commerce.

Sir William is one of 53 businessmen in the first British trade mission to Argentina since the the Falklands war.

The delegation includes representatives from British Petroleum, General Electric and Dunlop Tyres.

"A lot of British firms still remember, with affection, the strong ties they have had with Argentina in the past," Sir William said.

Bilateral trade dried up to under $100 million (£63 million) in 1988 from $850 million in the year before the war.

Argentina and Britain agreed to resume consular ties and lift trade restrictions last month at a meeting in Madrid.

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EPS: 10.70p (9.02p)
Div: 7.1p mkg 10.5p
Last year's total dividend was 8.8p. Net asset value of ordinary shares at year-end 319p (350p). Sun Assurance now has 6.5% holding.

TREVIAN HOLDINGS (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.74m (£1.34m)
EPS: 10.6p (8.9p)
Div: 1.45p (1.25p)
Contracts have been exchanged for the sale of BASF House, Wembley. Profits from the sale will be included in full year's results.

Trimoco profits fall on car downturn

By Philip Pangalos

Trimoco, the Luton motor group, reports a 26.5 per cent slide in pre-tax profits to £2.8 million in the six months to end-September, on turnover up from £137.6 million to £150.7 million.

This follows higher interest payments and a downturn in the automotive division. The automotive division, which accounts for the lion's share of the business, saw operating profits slip from £4.06 million to £3.54 million.

The property division improved its trading contribution from £788,000 to £1.06 million. Profits included increased internal rental resulting from the acquisition of the freeholds of more of the motor-trade premises. However this led to increased interest payments, up from £1.03 million to £1.8 million.

Mr Roger Smith, chairman, said the freehold acquisition policy is sound in the long term. Looking ahead to the second half, the company is trading against a steadily worsening business environment.

However, the company is operating profitably in almost all branches and departments.

Service, parts and body repair, which accounted for more than half of profits in the automotive division, increased or maintained their contributions. Fully diluted earnings fell 16 per cent to 1.6p. The interim dividend is maintained at 0.6p. The shares slipped 1p to 19p.

Cool look at water sale

As the deadline approaches for applying for water shares, *Family Money* on Saturday takes a cool look at the prospects for the 10 water companies. It will aim to answer the central questions. Should I apply? And if so, which companies have the best short- and long-term prospects?

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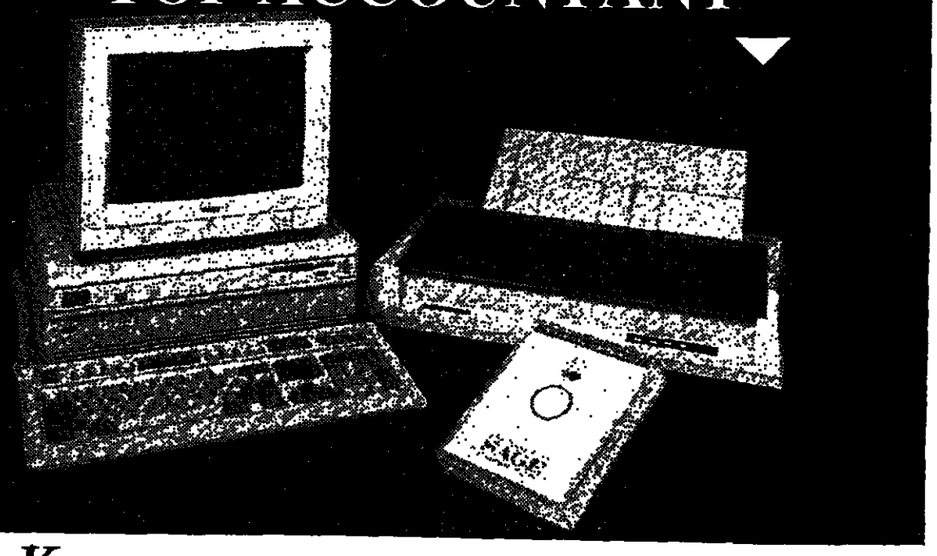
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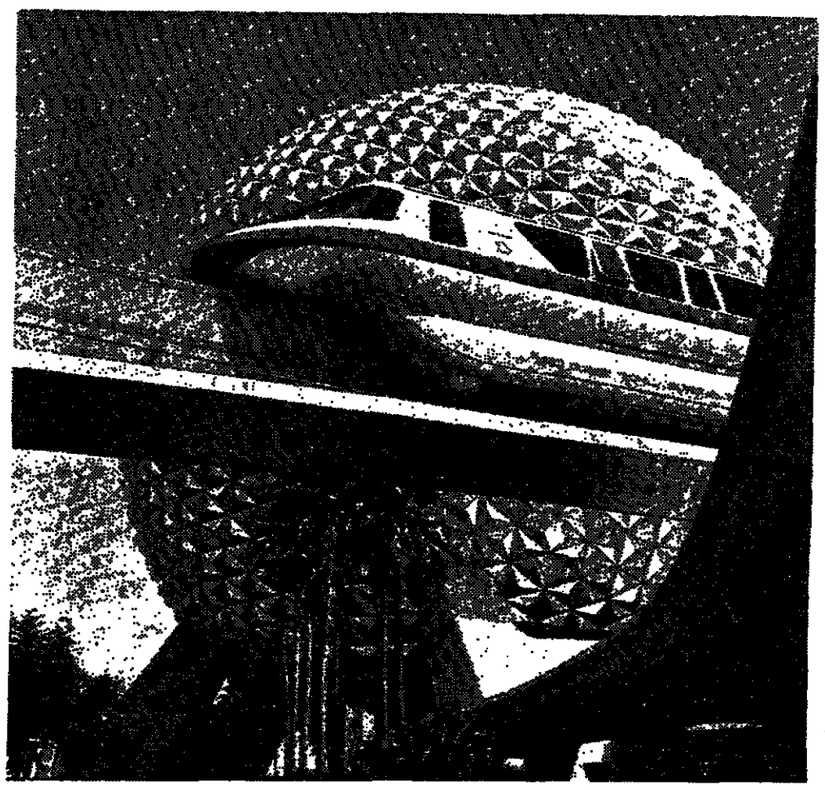
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99⅜	93⅜	Exch	11% 1990	98⅛	..	11.0	14.730
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94⅜	88	Treas	8% 1991	92	●-⅛	8.6	12.617
100⅜	91⅜	Treas C	10% 1991	95⅜	-⅛	10.3	11.935
101⅜	93	Exch	11% 1991	97⅜	-⅛	11.3	12.085
101⅜	93⅜	Treas	11¾% 1991	98⅛	-⅛	11.9	12.065
88⅜	82⅜	Treas	3% 1992	84⅜	●-⅛	3.5	10.218
94	86⅜	Treas	8% 1992	91⅜	-⅛	8.7	12.201
99⅜	92⅜	Treas	10% 1992	95⅜	-⅛	10.4	12.314
100⅜	91⅜	Treas	C10¼% 1992	96⅜	-⅛	10.6	11.243
103⅜	97⅜	Exch	12¼% 1992	100⅜	-⅛	12.2	12.136
106⅜	95⅜	Treas	12¾% 1992	100⅜	-⅛	12.6	12.328
109⅜	100⅜	Exch	13½% 1992	103⅜	-⅛	13.0	11.988
88	84	Fund	6% 1993	85⅜	-⅛	6.9	10.578
94⅜	87⅜	Treas	8¼% 1993	90⅜	-⅛	9.0	11.777
100⅜	92⅜	Treas	10% 1993	95⅜	-⅛	10.4	11.627
106⅜	97⅜	Treas	12½% 1993	102⅜	-⅛	12.2	11.700
113⅜	101⅜	Treas	13⅞% 1993	108⅜	..	..	11.649
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS							
94⅜	86	Treas	8½% 1994	90	-⅛	9.4	11.486
92	92	Treas	8½% 1994 a	92	..	..	..
98⅜	87⅜	Treas	9% 1994	91⅜	-⅛	9.8	11.250
100⅜	91⅜	Treas	10% 1994	95⅜	●-⅛	10.4	11.306
110⅜	101⅜	Exch	12½% 1994	103⅜	-⅛	12.0	11.458
113⅜	102⅜	Exch	13½% 1994	106⅜	-⅛	12.6	11.457
117⅜	107⅜	Treas	14½% 1994	110⅜	-⅛	13.1	11.370
78⅜	72	Gas	3% 1990-95	75⅜	-⅛	4.0	9.339
101⅜	90⅜	Exch	10¼% 1995	95⅜	-⅛	10.7	11.262
108⅜	97⅜	Treas	12% 1995	102⅜	-⅛	11.7	11.367
113⅜	101⅜	Treas	12¾% 1995	106⅜	-⅛	11.9	11.168
97⅜	90⅜	Treas	9% 1992-96	91	-⅛	9.8	11.069
101⅜	91⅜	Conv	10% 1996	95⅜	-⅛	10.5	11.006
117⅜	98⅜	Exch	13¼% 1996	109⅜	-⅛	12.1	11.182
119⅜	105⅜	Treas	14% 1996	111⅜	-⅛	12.5	11.340
128⅜	113	Treas	15¼% 1996	118⅜	-⅛	12.8	11.179
95⅜	88⅜	Treas	8¾% 1997	89⅜	-⅛	9.7	10.777
104⅜	95⅜	Exch	10½% 1997	97⅜	-⅛	10.7	10.988
118⅜	104⅜	Treas	13¼% 1997	110⅜	-⅛	12.0	11.086
128⅜	115⅜	Exch	15% 1997	119⅜	-⅛	12.5	11.222
128⅜	115⅜	Exch	15% 1997	119⅜	-⅛	12.5	11.222
84⅜	76⅜	Treas	6¾% 1995-98	79⅜	-⅛	8.4	10.485
100⅜	89⅜	Exch	9¾% 1998	93⅜	-⅛	10.3	10.870
127⅜	100⅜	Exch	12% 1998	105⅜	-⅛	11.3	10.985
134⅜	123⅜	Treas	15½% 1998	124⅜	-⅛	12.4	11.036
100⅜	89⅜	Treas	9½% 1999	93⅜	-⅛	10.1	10.619
104⅜	92⅜	Conv	10¼% 1999	96⅜	-⅛	10.6	10.800
105⅜	93⅜	Treas	10½% 1999	98	-⅛	10.7	10.827
115⅜	107	Exch	12¼% 1999	107⅜	-⅛	11.3	10.986
94⅜	84	Treas	8½% 2000	87⅜	-⅛	9.7	10.030
97⅜	90	Conv	9% 2000	90⅜	-⅛	9.8	10.563
122⅜	107⅜	Treas	13% 2000	112⅜	-⅛	11.5	10.926
102⅜	92⅜	Conv	9¾% 2001	94⅜	-⅛	10.3	10.590
103⅜	94⅜	Treas	10% 2001	95⅜	-⅛	10.4	10.641
124⅜	108	Treas	14% 1998-01	115⅜	-⅛	12.1	11.167
97⅜	88⅜	Exch	9% 2002	89⅜	-⅛	10.0	10.442
102⅜	93⅜	Treas	9¾% 2002	94⅜	-⅛	10.2	10.511
104⅜	95⅜	Conv	10% 2002	95⅜	-⅛	10.3	10.539
114	99⅜	Exch	12% 1999-02	105⅜	-⅛	11.3	11.016
105⅜	97	Treas	10% 2003	97	-⅛	10.2	10.364
127	112	Treas	13¾% 2000-03	118⅜	..	..	10.988
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS							
59⅜	55⅜	Fund	3½% 1999-04	54⅜	-⅛	6.3	9.182
102⅜	93⅜	Conv	9½% 2004	94	-⅛	10.0	10.265
105⅜	93⅜	Treas	10% 2004	97⅜	-⅛	10.2	10.287
113⅜	104⅜	Treas	11½% 2001-04	104⅜	-⅛	10.9	10.779
103⅜	93⅜	Conv	9½% 2005	94⅜	-⅛	10.0	10.224
111⅜	102	Exch	10½% 2005	102	-⅛	10.2	10.222
125⅜	110	Treas	12½% 2003-05	114⅜	-⅛	10.8	10.428
90⅜	82⅜	Treas	8% 2002-06	82⅜	-⅛	9.8	10.192
96⅜	85⅜	Treas	8½% 2007	87⅜	-⅛	9.7	10.014
118⅜	103⅜	Treas	11¾% 2003-07	109	-⅛	10.7	10.434
101	91⅜	Treas	9% 2008	91⅜	-⅛	9.7	9.993
134⅜	122⅜	Treas	13½% 2004-08	122⅜	-⅛	10.9	10.371
92⅜	83⅜	Treas	8% 2009	83⅜	-⅛	9.5	9.878
102	90⅜	Conv	9% 2011	92⅜	-⅛	9.7	9.845
66⅜	61⅜	Treas	5½% 2008-12	61⅜	-⅛	8.8	8.651
89⅜	79⅜	Treas	7¾% 2012-15	80⅜	-⅛	9.6	9.797
132⅜	114⅜	Exch	12% 2013-17	119⅜	●-⅛	10.0	9.889
UNDATED							
30⅜	25⅜	Consols	2½%	25⅜	..	9.8	—
46⅜	40⅜	Consols	4%	40⅜	..	9.9	—
70⅜	60⅜	Conv	3½%	61⅜	..	5.8	—
29⅜	25	Treas	2½%	25	-⅛	9.9	—
41⅜	31⅜	Treas	3%	31⅜	-⅛	9.2	—
40⅜	34⅜	War Ln	3½%	35⅜	●-⅛	9.8	—
INDEX-LINKED							
138⅜	124	Treas IL	2% 1990	133⅜			
112⅜	103⅜	Treas IL	2% 1992	111			
108⅜	94⅜	Treas IL	2% 1994	103⅜	-⅛		
164⅜	136⅜	Treas IL	2% 1996	153⅜	-⅛		
130⅜	116⅜	Treas IL	2½% 2001	126⅜			
127⅜	115⅜	Treas IL	2½% 2003	125			
131⅜	117⅜	Treas IL	2% 2006	128			
122⅜	111⅜	Treas IL	2½% 2009	119⅜			
127⅜	114⅜	Treas IL	2½% 2011	124⅜			
108⅜	94⅜	Treas IL	2½% 2013	103⅜			
115⅜	102⅜	Treas IL	2½% 2016	111⅜			
112⅜	100⅜	Treas IL	2½% 2020	108⅜			
95⅜	84⅜	Treas IL	2½% 2024	92			

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
159	130	Abbey National (aa)	158	159	+1	10.3	6.5	8.5
219	120	Allied Irish	215	223	●+1	..	..	..
538	395	Anglo Gp	350	365	●+5	4.4	1.2	14.3
80	57	Ansbacher (Henry)	65	70	+1	2.7	4.0	26.0
285	218	Aus New Z	272	276	-1	..	..	..
22½	9¾	Bankamerica	19¼	..	-⅛	..	..	..
314	225	Bank of Ireland	238	245	●+4	..	..	..
19½	17½	Bank Leumi Israel	18	21	..	..	..	..
350	340½	Bank Leumi UK	335	355	..	18.5	5.4	8.7
116	88	Bank Of Scotland	111	113	+2	5.3	4.7	8.1
67	49	Bank Of Wales	50	60	..	3.7	6.7	12.6
559	404	Barclays (aa)	542	545	+14	32.5	6.0	6.3
30	22	Benchmark	21	24	..	2.2	9.8	10.7
383	285	Brown Shipley	337	347	●+1	14.7	4.3	22.0
480	325	Cater Allen	375	385	●..	31.3	8.2	12.9
78	51	Charles [illegible]	53	56	..	4.5	8.3	7.8
259	157	Chartered [illegible]	165	172	●..	11.5	6.8	7.3
28½	15½	Chase Manhattan	24½	..	-⅛	..	..	..
22½	14	Citicorp	19¼	..	-⅛	..	..	..
250	183	Close Bros	223	233	-2	9.8	3.9	14.1
84	72½	Commerzbank	85	..	+2½	..	..	..
253	158½	Deutsche Bank	244	..	+8¼	..	..	..
38	15	Equity & Gen	28	29	●+1	2.0	7.1	12.0
281	182	First Nat Fin	197	202	..	16.7	8.4	5.7
47	10	GPG	17	19	..	0.6	3.2	..
283	230	Gerrard Nat	257	265	●+3	24.7	9.5	38.8
151	118	Guinness Mahon	145	152	..	2.7	1.8	21.1
280	191½	Hambros	245	252	+11	13.7	5.5	0.8
58	39	HK Shanghai	55	57	-½	..	..	..
495	423	Joseph (Leopold)	410	435	..	21.1	5.0	17.8
141	115	King & Shaxson	122	127	●..	12.3	9.8	13.0
335	294	Kleinwort Benson	378	383	+5	18.7	4.9	57.2
443	319	Lloyds (aa)	437	440	+5	23.8	5.4	5.4
48	40	Lon Scot Bk	41	44	..	2.9	6.7	9.9
398	280	Midland (aa)	355	358	+9	22.8	6.3	8.8
552	287	Morgan Gren	534	538	..	15.0	2.8	72.2
330	249	Nat Aust Bk	336	338	-2	..	..	..
355	266	Nat West (aa)	337	340	+3	19.8	5.8	5.8
365	308	Provident	343	345	+1	23.3	7.4	8.4
83	50	Rea Bros	53	56	+1	0.7	1.3	62.8
240	135	Rothschild (J) Hld	187	192	●+2	14.0	7.4	5.8
190	138	Roy Bk Scot (aa)	183	188	+1	8.4	4.5	7.0
17½	870	Schroders	16½	18	..	28.0	1.7	17.1
572	450	Stand Chart (aa)	552	555	+1	48.7	8.4	4.8
132½	98	TSB (aa)	119	121	+2½	7.4	6.2	8.8
583	470	Union Disc	545	556	..	40.0	7.3	23.7
465	276	Warburg SG	443	447	●+8	17.7	4.0	14.0
154	98	Do 8% 'A'	150	153	+3	8.0	5.3	..
36	31	Wells Fargo	30½	..	..	..	..	..
294	220	Westpac	259	263	-1	..	..	..
486	400	Wintrust	465	425	+2	18.4	2.5	13.0

BREWERIES

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
574	422	Allied-Lyons (aa)	472	474	+6	20.9	4.4	12.3
11½	783	Bass (aa)	10	10	..	33.5	3.2	13.8
203	148	Boddington	184	187	..	8.1	3.7	13.2
208	135	Bulmer (H P)	175	180	+3	9.3	5.2	18.2
255	190	Burtonwood Brew	223	232	..	4.7	2.1	28.0
450	385	Clark (Matthew)	380	410	+5	17.3	4.3	18.3
361	277	Devenish (JA)	310	315	..	5.0	1.6	22.8
657	423	Grand Met (aa)	548	550	+5	21.7	4.0	12.5
379	238	Greenall Whit	363	368	+2	10.4	2.8	18.4
622	443	Greene King	440	448	..	11.6	2.6	17.8
626	320	Guinness (aa)	602	606	+6	16.5	2.7	15.7
975	810	Hardys & Hansons	940	960	..	34.3	3.6	18.7
261	135	Highland Dist	248	254	●..	5.1	2.0	24.4
515	455	Irish Distillers	458	460	-2	12.7	2.7	15.0
240	188	Marston Thompson	220	224	+1	4.7	2.1	22.7
800	492	Morland	775	790	●..	13.7	1.7	12.5
433	288	SA Breweries	398	405	●..	..	..	..
448	325	Scot & New (aa)	355	358	+1½	14.4	4.1	15.3
349	275	Vaux Group	335	340	..	9.3	2.8	22.2
409	288	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	377	379	●+2	17.5	4.6	12.4
12	930	Do 'B'	11½	12½	-⅛	17.5	1.5	35.5
484	413	Wolverhampton & D	447	453	..	10.7	2.4	16.6
535	475	Young 'A'	480	500	●..	14.7	3.0	29.3

BUILDING, ROADS

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
204	108	Abbey	108	119	..	..	..	..
536	328	Amec	373	380	●..	24.8	6.4	7.0
480	78	Anglia Sec	108	117	-1	5.2	4.8	3.4
89	39	Anglo Utd	52	53	..	1.8	3.0	13.0
256	156	[illegible]	148	153	..	8.3	5.3	4.7
518	285	Attwoods	433	442	-1	10.7	2.4	18.8
275	201	BPB Ind (aa)	208	211	+1	14.3	6.8	6.4
219	127	Baggeridge Brick	128	136	-1	3.5	2.6	10.7
119	45	Bailey (Ben) Constr	63	68	s +3	2.5	3.8	5.1
208½	148½	Barton Group	155	160	●..	4.3	2.7	17.8
202	153	Barratt Devs	167	171	●-1	17.9	10.6	6.2
268	148	Bellway	170	175	●..	14.7	8.5	4.2
88	28	Bellwinch	33	38	-2	5.0	13.9	5.4
261	125	Berkeley Gp	153	155	..	6.0	3.9	4.5
161	102½	Bett Bros	135	145	..	7.7	5.5	7.4
220	110	Blockleys	120	130	..	6.1	4.4	10.2
303	198	Blue Circle (aa)	211	214	+3	14.0	6.6	8.7
514	372	Boot (Henry)	405	415	..	24.0	5.9	34.5
158	95	Breedon PLC	92	102	..	5.3	5.5	11.4
193	124	Br Dredging	128	132	●..	8.5	6.5	10.1
138	81	Bryant	97	100	●..	8.4	8.5	5.9
150	85	CALA	105	110	..	4.4	4.1	6.9
237	130	CRH	225	229	+4	..	..	..
183	79	Cakebread Robey	73	85	●..	5.5	6.9	6.1
187	148	Celcon	135	145	..	10.0	7.1	4.8
11½	873	[illegible]	645	660	..	18.7	2.2	13.2
[illegible]								

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
183	118½	Allied Colloids	183	187	..	3.5	2.1	18.5
552	344	Amersham	383	390	●+13	14.9	3.9	18.3
182	108	BTP	120	124	+6	9.3	7.6	11.8
105⅞	87⅛	Bayer DM50	104⅞	..	+1	..	..	..
208	158	Blagden	173	178	-1	11.6	6.6	10.7
184	112	Brent Chems	124	127	..	8.2b	6.5	9.8
583	305	Caird Gp	420	428	r -1	8.7	2.1	18.0
303	193½	Coalite (W)	212	217	●-1	10.4	4.8	10.5
488	213	Coates Bros	482	488	●..	10.9	2.2	15.3
233	169	Croda	179	181	●..	13.7	7.6	10.7
229	163	Ellis & Everard	208	218	+3	8.4	2.9	12.5
30	17	European Colour	17	18	..	1.2	6.9	12.2
211	123	Evode	125	138	..	7.3	5.7	8.0
384	232	Fosaco	305	312	●..	17.3	5.6	10.6
253	208	Halstead (James)	225	232	●..	12.7	5.5	7.2
253	185	Hickson	235	242	+4	9.5	4.0	11.5
102⅞	89⅞	Hoechst DM50	94	..	+1⅛	..	..	..
13⅞	10	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	11⅛	11⅜	..	70.7	6.3	8.3
532	356	Laporte (aa)	482	487	+1	19.3	4.2	14.1
403	225	Leigh	285	290	-1	8.8	3.0	20.2
18⅛	10	Norsk Hydro	14⅛	..	+⅛	..	..	..
183	102	Plysu	100	103	-2	3.8	3.7	8.9
401	226	Rentokil	345	352	+11	6.1	1.7	21.5
188	126	Scottish Speciality?	152	157	..	2.7	1.7	20.9
684	242	Wardle Storeys plc	257	267	●+1	18.7	7.1	12.7
458	213	Wolstenholme Rink	315	340	..	21.1	6.4	7.2
400	231	Yorkshire Chem	340	345	-2	14.0	4.1	11.1
150	111	Yule Catto	128	133	..	5.5	4.2	11.0

DRAPERY, STORES

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
423	314	Alexon	368	370	-1	14.0	3.8	10.5
72½	48	Amber Day	40	42	-2½	2.0	4.9	11.6
131	68	Aquascutum 'A'	118	123	●..	4.0	3.3	18.9
128	68	Ashley (Laura)	75	78	●..	3.1	4.0	11.9
465	360	Austin Reed	385	395	●..	12.0	3.1	21.3
189	110	Beattie (James) 'A'	116	120	..	6.1	5.2	10.5
297	170	Benetton?	201	207	..	4.7	2.3	23.1
15⅛	4⅛	Blacks Leis	4⅛	5	●..	0.2	4.3	11.9
490	240	Body Shop	465	478	●+24	1.9	0.4	44.5
108	57	Brasmer?	78	80	..	..	..	..
57⅞	30	Brown & Jackson	36⅛	38	●+2	1.2	2.1	16.8
213	132	Brown (N)	153	158	●..	11.5	4.9	24.8
288	165	Burton (aa)	187	190	..	12.3	6.5	7.0
135	95	Casket?	97	102	..	4.0	4.0	6.4
87	41	Cantors plc	38	42	..	1.9	3.9	58.6
463	325	Church	350	360	..	16.0	4.3	13.4
177	134	Coats Viyella (aa)	136	138	●-1	12.0	8.8	8.6
200	147	Courts Furnishers	155	157	●-1	6.7	4.4	11.0
610	473	DAKS Simpson 'A'	465	490	●..	14.6	3.1	9.3
48⅛	30	Dewhirst (IJ)	29	31	..	1.5	5.0	6.2
174	98	Dixons Grp (aa)	104	108	-1	6.3	6.0	9.0
408	205	Dunhill	363	370	●+1	6.0	1.6	21.2
82	48	ERA Gp	39	43	●..	3.7	9.0	12.1
10⅛	725	Etam (Wimbledon)?	10	10⅛	●+⅛	16.0	1.6	22.5
218	130	Ernest Stores	120	132	..	5.9	4.5	18.5
221	139	Etam	175	180	●-1	9.1	5.1	10.8
292	198	Fine Art Dev	258	262	..	10.3	4.0	14.4
345	220	Forminster	330	350	..	12.0	3.5	8.7
81	44	Gees SR	71	74	..	3.3	4.5	8.4
108	83	Goldberg (A)	85	87	..	..	..	..
17	14⅛	GUS	14⅛	15⅛	●..	42.0b	2.8	14.9
12⅛	863	Do 'A' (aa)	10⅛	10⅜	●..	42.0	4.0	10.5
38⅛	27⅛	Helene Plc	27	28⅛	●..	2.5	8.8	17.4
170	115	Hope Robinson plc	118	123	●..	8.3	6.9	28.1
66	42	Holas	43	45	..	4.1	9.3	7.9
195	155	House Of Lerose	155	165	●..	13.3	8.3	14.4
373	223	Kingfisher (aa)	298	302	+4	14.4	4.8	10.4
77	57	Leslie Wise Gp	61	64	..	4.3	6.8	8.6
11⅛	410	Liberty	450	480	..	7.2	1.7	17.5
225	148⅛	Marks Spencer (aa)	194	196	●..	7.7	3.9	14.9
400	281	Menzies (John)	342	348	●-1	8.5	2.5	13.0
250	200	Moss Bros	198	208	●..	8.0	3.9	28.3
183	88	Next (aa)	91	92	●-4⅛	9.9	10.8	8.6
200	172	Oliver (G)	190	200	..	8.8	4.5	17.5
123	80	Pentos	101	104	-1	2.5	2.4	10.1
298	188	Ratners Group	269	272	+2	10.5	3.9	10.3
78	59	S & U Stores	63	68	..	6.0	9.1	5.8
137	88	Sears (aa)	105	107	●+1	6.9	6.5	10.0
380	228	Smith WH 'A' (aa)	324	327	..	13.9	4.3	12.1
193	70	Stock Shop	83	93	..	2.8	3.1	10.5
183	108	Storehouse (aa)	115	118	..	11.7	10.0	..
152	108	T & S Stores	113	118	-1	5.3	4.6	10.2
320	233	Tibbett & Britten	272	282	..	8.7	3.1	18.2
78	43	Tie Rack	51	55	●..	1.8	3.4	8.7
248	150	Time Products	163	170	●-1	8.7	5.2	7.8
91	58	Vivat	78	82	+1	..	..	..
237	148	Wickes	181	185	..	5.1	2.8	10.5
220	115	Wilding Office	113	123	+3	8.6	4.7	8.7

ELECTRICALS

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
448	288	AB Elect	265	277	●..	23.8	8.8	6.9
146	85	ABB Kent	127	131	●..	5.0	3.8	17.7
205	129	Admiral Comp	183	203	..	3.8	1.9	21.2
150	48	Albo	54	59	●+6	5.8	10.2	7.7
187	46	Alphameric	44	52	+3	2.7	5.8	..
182½	37½	Amstrad (aa)	38	41	..	1.8	4.8	4.4
95	67	Applied Computer	67	79	●+1	2.7	3.9	13.0
114	55	Arien	55	63	-2	..	..	6.7
88½	45	Arcec	54	58	+1	4.1	7.8	15.9
181	17	Audio Fidelity	19	23	..	..	..	..
328	220	Auto Sec	280	285	..	4.3	1.6	17.2
133	35	Bennett & Fountain	35	38	+1	5.5	14.9	3.4
561	385	BICC (aa)	427	430	●+1	22.7	5.3	12.2
273	104	Bleck	168	175	-5	8.0	4.7	10.4
785	483	Borland	775	780	+5	..	..	..
237	154	Bowthorpe	173	178	..	5.5b	3.1	11.7
215	103	Botnoco Security	128	133	●-1	3.8	2.9	10.6
295½	243	Br Telecom (aa)	269	270	+2½	14.5	5.4	10.8
39	13	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	14	18	+1	0.3e	2.0	4.3
612	385	Cable Wireless (aa)	483	484	+10	11.8	2.2	20.4
265	134	Cambridge Elec	150	156	-4	12.9	8.4	6.7
80	45	Cambridge Instr	58	59	..	1.21	2.1	10.8
65	28	Chloride	33	35	..	1.5	4.4	..
273	188	Computer People	202	207	..	6.8	2.7	14.1
182	45	Cray Elect	51	58	-1	..	..	18.2
189	53	Crystalate	53	57	-1	8.1	14.7	4.0
148	84	Dale Elec	92	98	..	6.8	7.2	7.2
367½	284	Data	303	307	●-1	15.6	5.1	9.5
270	158	Denlox?	158	163	-4	4.8	3.0	8.8
82	55	Dowding & Mills	84	87	..	3.1	4.7	10.3
228	169	Electrocomponents	185	189	●-1	7.1	3.8	11.1
125	50	Elec Data Process	85	75	..	3.2	4.8	5.9
183	115	Electron House	113	118	..	7.5	6.5	6.8
188	84	Electronic Mach	122	127	..	1.3	1.0	60.7
450	100	Emess	99	103	-3	4.1	4.1	10.6
358	238	Eurotherm	265	273	-1	7.5	2.8	11.6
186	75	FKI (aa)	78	80	-2	6.0	7.6	4.2
187	118	Farnell Elect	146	150	●-2	6.0	4.1	11.0
113½	45	Ferranti Intl (aa)	48	48	-⅛	..	..	53.4
13½	7½	Ferranti Hldgs	8⅛	8⅜	r ..	..	..	..
520	370	First Tech	450	470	+5	10.0	2.2	15.8
82	38	Forward Tech	50	53	●-1	2.4	4.6	8.4
261	187	GEC (aa)	211	213	-2	10.4	4.9	11.0
810	354	Halma?	595	625	..	5.2	0.9	25.1
91	70	Highland Elect	75	80	●..	4.4	5.8	8.5
572	405	Hollis? Gp	440	470	..	4.0	0.9	28.2
46	22	ITL Gp	42	45	..	0.7	1.6	..
275	210	Jones Stroud	216	226	..	10.0	4.4	9.8
220	125	Kode	125	135	..	6.7	5.2	42.8
360	240	Lec Refrigeration	305	325	..	19.3	6.1	8.7
91	57	Life Sciences	80	84	..	2.5	3.0	16.2
411	301	Logica	332	340	+4	4.1	1.2	16.8
288	210	Macro 4	247	262	..	10.4	4.1	13.9
202	145	Memec	148	154	-1	7.1	4.7	7.6
32	16	MSS?	18	21	-3	..	..	..
488	360	Microfilm Repro	390	405	●-2	6.6	1.7	22.7
435	143	Micro Focus	405	420	-2	..	..	21.3
278	119	Microgen	116	123	-2	8.9	7.4	7.2
229	133	Mitel	160	..	..	..	..	..
24⅛	18	Molex	21⅛	..	+⅛	..	..	..
78	38	Multitone Elect	53	58	-2	9.1	8.2	..
78	34	Murray Elec	57	62	..	..	..	98.4
89	28	NMW Comp	31	34	..	0.3e	0.9	..
53⅛	45⅛	Nynex	52⅛	..	-⅛	..	..	..
143	61	National Telecom	61	66	..	2.7	4.2	7.6
363	180	Newmark (Louis)	170	198	..	18.6	10.9	9.4
321	141	Northamber	138	144	-3	2.7	1.9	8.2
30	15	Oceonics	22	24	..	..	..	78.7
322	201	Oxford Instruments	230	238	+1	4.5	1.9	14.3
265	183	P-E International	222	229	-1	6.4	2.8	12.9
288	180	P & P	190	195	..	4.1	2.1	10.1
128	84	Psek?	97	99	●..	4.1	6.0	4.8
105⅛	75	Philips Fin 5⅛%	88	93	●..	375b	8.4	..
15⅛	9⅛	Philips Lamps N/V	15⅛	..	+⅛	..	..	..
425	188	Plessey?	217	227	s ..	8.0	3.6	8.4
389	163	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	182	192	s ..	8.0	4.3	7.1
141	65	Pressac	67	72	●+2	2.7	3.9	6.6
120	35	Quottect?	50	60	-2	..	..	5.2
289½	138	Racal Elect (aa)	243	247	+2	4.0	1.6	29.5
558	181½	Racal Telecom (aa)	395	402	+11	0.9	0.2	88.6
180	45	Ross	98	104	r ..	0.8	0.8	..
86	53	SD-Scicon	73	75	..	1.0	1.4	18.0
170	112	Scantronic	138	143	●+1	3.1	2.2	18.2
265	110	Scholes Grp	145	155	..	10.4	6.9	8.6
402	258	Serve Gp?	377	333	-1	2.8	0.7	..
150	55	Sirdar?	77	87	-1	3.7	4.5	7.0
394	255	STC (aa)	263	265	-4	13.0	4.9	10.1
29⅛	17⅛	TDK	23⅛	..	..	..	..	..
57	28	Telemetrix	28	30	..	..	..	..
898	625	THORN EMI (aa)	744	753	+4	37.3	5.0	11.7
305	170	Tunstall	170	180	..	5.7	3.2	8.7
389	191	Unitech	387	392	-1	14.0	3.6	18.8
214	74	Utd Scientific	70	77	-2	2.7	3.6	13.5
510	238	VG Instruments	452	465	-2	8.0	1.7	20.8
455	276	Volex	273	283	-2	22.0	7.9	7.2
111	58	Western Selection	68	70	-1	4.9	7.2	9.4
480	355	Wholesale Fittings	360	370	-2	21.3	5.8	8.6

FINANCE, LAND

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
91	56	AC Hldgs	62	67	●..	2.7	4.2	12.3
338	245	Abingworth	312	318	+1	2.0	0.6	..
70	44	Aitken Hume	53	58	..	..	..	..
117	72	Aus Hennigsen?	108	113	+1	3.7	3.3	26.5
235	135	Authority Inv	155	165	..	10.0	6.2	6.8
189	128	Baltic	125	130	-1	4.8	3.8	6.4
205	130	Berkeley Govett	180	185	..	..	..	..
241	79	Br Commonwealth (aa)	90	92	●-1	12.3	13.5	3.6
110	58	Burns-Anderson	71	74	..	3.5	7.5	8.5
30	18	Camellia?	27⅛	29⅛	..	28.0	1.0	61.0
673	154	Candover	225	230	-5	7.3	3.0	36.8
93	60	Centreway	60	67	●+2	2.0	3.1	9.6
103	62	Dondelium Inv?	50	53	..	..	..	9.3
480	402	Harvey & Thompson	445	460	..	20.0	4.4	12.5
79	25	IFICO	25	35	..	0.7e	2.3	6.4
180	108	Ivory & Sime	103	110	..	7.7	7.2	18.8
149	46	LIT	48	55	..	5.0	7.7	8.9
277	205	Majedie	265	268	●+2	10.0	3.7	33.3
121	90	Nat Home Loans	103	110	●-2	10.7	10.0	7.0
94	48	Newmarket	50	53	..	..	..	..
100	55	Parish Plc	38	55	..	..	..	..
135	80½	Pet Cap Prince?	112	117	-1	2.2	1.9	34.5
149	102	Sharenibus Plc?	107	112	●-1	..	..	..
93	82	Singer & Fried	68	69	+1	3.3b	4.9	12.2
28⅛	10⅛	Sotheby	16	17	●-⅛	..	..	..
238	116	Templeton Gleth?	217	222	+2	4.3	2.0	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
25⅛	14⅛	American Express	22⅛	..	+⅛	..	..	..
131	95	Britannia Arrow	105	110	+2	7.3	6.8	13.0
343	218	Electra	285	297	+1	6.8	2.3	65.9
328	223	Frost Gp	288	293	●-2	14.0	4.8	16.3
144	85	Goode Durrant	108	115	..	6.0	5.4	8.4
830	625	Henderson Admin	680	720	●+5	44.0	6.2	18.9
93	35	ICH	48	52	..	..	..	..
112	81	MAI	102	104	+3	6.0	5.8	10.0
665	335	MAM	625	645	●+20	22.0	3.5	15.3
388	292	M & G	365	373	..	12.7	3.4	18.2
46	30	Rutland	32	36	..	0.9	2.6	12.4
159	79	Smith New Court	73	82	..	2.0	2.5	..
146	88	Tyndall Hldgs	85	88	..	7.3	8.4	20.7

FOODS

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
409	303	AB Food (aa)	405	408	+3	13.1	3.2	12.0
212	128	ASDA Group (aa)	128	131	-1	6.4	4.9	9.0
48	26	Alma Group	25	28	..	..	..	..
175	85	Appleyard Hldgs	85	105	..	5.0	5.0	15.5
257	184	Argyll (aa)	203	206	..	8.7	4.2	13.1
189	88	Ashley Group	101	104	+2	1.7	1.7	15.1
211	160	Assoc Fisheries	160	170	+2	8.0	4.8	11.7
199	120	Banks (Sidney C)?	125	130	..	4.5	3.6	6.4
188	153	Barker & Dobson?	152	162	..	9.3	5.9	8.3
743	530	Barr (AG)	540	560	..	17.3	3.1	13.6
135	98	Bellway?	130	138	..	3.2	2.4	60.9
171	128	Berisford Intl (aa)	140	145	+1	8.3	5.8	10.6
486	374	Booker	408	415	●..	24.7	6.0	14.1
54	37	Borthwick	44	48	..	0.8	2.0	..
280	210	Brake Bros	230	240	●+5	4.5	2.0	16.6
152	85	Brooke Bond?	93	97	●..	6.7f	7.1	17.9
472	319	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	337	340	+3	12.8	3.8	17.0
217	170	Carrs Milling	170	180	..	10.0	5.7	8.4
280	180	Clifford Foods 'A'	178	188	-2	13.3	7.3	7.5
60	35	Colliers	33	38	..	..	..	..
438	302	Dalgety (aa)	372	377	●..	22.0	5.9	11.2
100	55	Daniels S	75	80	-2	3.3	4.2	..
151	111	FII Fyffes	133	138	..	..	..	..
120	83	Fisher (A)	109	112	●+2	3.7	3.3	13.4
298	210	Flick Lovell?	228	232	..	18.3	7.1	8.9
319	225	Garri?	265	272	●..	7.3	2.7	15.5
275½	285	Hazlewood Foods	222	228	+10	5.3	2.3	15.7
321	224	Hillsdown (aa)	254	257	●..	8.4	3.3	11.3
175	125	Hunter Saphir	138	145	..	6.7	4.7	10.2
402	273	Iceland Frozen	282	285	+2	7.4	2.6	13.8
577	373	Kwik Save	533	540	..	11.5	2.1	22.9
140	85	Lees (John J)	80	90	..	7.2	8.9	12.2
333	236	Low (Wm)	302	310	●+1	8.7f	2.8	12.0
87	57	Matthews (Bernard)	67	70	..	3.3	4.8	13.0
304	112	Morrison (W)	148	157	..	1.6	1.0	17.3
283	202	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	217	227	-3	12.1	5.5	11.6
70	50	Normans	50	52	..	3.0	5.9	12.7
392	277	Nthn Foods (aa)	298	302	+3	15.0	5.0	11.0
203	141	Nurdin & Peacock	188	192	+10	5.6	2.9	16.5
310	169	Park Foods	210	230	..	8.4	3.8	10.0
88	40	Pittard?	40	50	-2	0.7	1.6	18.5
496	341	RHM (aa)	408	412	●-1	17.0	4.1	11.9
285	198	Sainsbury J (aa)	257	260	●+3	7.1	2.7	17.1
189	129	Salvesen (Chris)	157	162	+1	6.4	4.0	12.8
301	203½	Tate & Lyle	278	282	+13	10.4	3.7	12.4
220	81	Tavener	110	130	..	1.7	1.4	18.4
219	131½	Tesco (aa)	185	187	●-½	5.0	2.7	18.0
158	130	Thorntons	128	132	●..	3.1	2.4	16.1
436	304	Unigate (aa)	323	327	●-2	19.1	5.9	11.8
424	265	Utd Biscuits (aa)	348	352	●+1	17.2	4.9	13.0
225	173	Watson & Philip	175	180	..	12.8	7.2	12.1

HOTELS, CATERERS

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
57	34	City Centre Rest	35	37	..	1.5	4.2	12.4
305	222	Friendly Hotels	280	288	●..	2.9	1.5	11.7
352	213	Ladbroke (aa)	280	283	●+2	11.8	4.0	16.2
39⅛	25	Norfolk Cap Gp	29⅛	30⅛	..	0.8	2.7	27.3
99	68	Mount Charlotte	71	73	r -⅛	2.5	3.5	15.0
116	77	Queens Moat	107	109	+3	3.0b	2.8	16.8

INDUSTRIALS A-D

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
207	182	AAF Inv	157	167	..	10.0	6.2	12.4
415	275	AAH	405	408	..	16.6	4.1	13.5
212½	116	ADT (aa)	183	186	●..	..	..	..
470	251	AIM	300	310	..	12.0	3.9	12.3
435	242	AMI Health	395	398	●..	8.0	2.0	19.2
78	53½	APG	63	65	●..	2.7	3.0	9.7
150	114	APV	123	128	-1	6.7	5.4	12.0
286	189	ASW	228	231	..	6.7	2.9	6.6
130	55	Aaronson	53	58	-1	7.7	14.0	4.5
228	145	Adwest	158	162	..	9.3	5.8	8.3
96	58	Aerospace Eng	57	62	..	3.8	6.3	9.1
239	155	Alexanders W'mes?	197	201	+1	5.5	2.8	16.0
275	188	Alumasc	190	200	-2	10.7	5.5	9.4
450	360	Amber Ind	380	410	r ..	18.9	4.7	11.8
58	37	Armour	43	44⅛	..	1.6	3.6	7.8
180	105	Ash & Lacy	100	110	-2	8.0	7.6	8.2
8⅛	3	Ass Br Eng	3⅛	3⅛	-⅛	0.1	2.9	14.0
643	385	Avon Rubber	435	440	-4	20.9	4.6	8.3
169	97	Ayrshire Metal	105	110	..	8.0	7.4	6.9
395	284	BAA (aa)	384	387	●+1	13.3	3.6	13.1
226	141	BBA	155	157	+2	9.3	6.0	8.3
327	222	BET Ord (aa)	262	267	●+1	16.0	6.1	11.6
473	177	BM Gp	245	250	s ..	2.7	1.1	13.7
541	419	BOC (aa)	501	504	●-1	23.7	4.7	10.2
89½	54½	BSG	71	72	●..	4.1	5.7	9.4
486	362	BSS Group	380	390	r ..	20.0	5.2	9.3
489	294	BTR (aa)	425	430	+1	17.9	4.2	18.2
285	195	Babcock	270	275	●+1	7.5	2.7	12.1
80½	49	Bailey (CH)	51½	52½	-⅛	3.2	6.2	11.9
17	10½	Do?	10	11	..	..	..	..
258	150	Baird (Wm)	187	192	●..	10.8	5.6	7.4
88	48	Bardsey	53	60	+⅛	1.7	2.9	18.2
718	363	Barlow Rand	650	665	..	..	..	..
288	188	Barrett (R)	240	250	..	6.8	2.8	11.0
48	24	Baynes (Charles)	25	26	..	0.7	1.9	18.9
15	7	Beer Bros	12	12½	-⅛	..	..	..
245	175	Beaford	170	180	..	7.4b	4.2	12.2
225	121	Bestar PLC (aa)	164	168	●+6	10.0	6.1	5.8
73½	32	Bestobell?	35	38	●+1	0.8	2.2	..
348	285	Bespak	305	315	..	8.0	2.6	17.0
60	18	Bestwood	18	21	..	0.7	3.5	3.7
181	123	Bibby (J)	123	130	●-2	11.3	8.9	7.8
160	125	Bifurcated?	140	150	●..	5.4	3.7	51.1
150	100	Birmingham Mint	105	115	..	10.7	9.8	8.3
133	70	Black Arrow	83	95	●..	5.0	5.6	7.6
153	110	Black (Peter)	115	120	r ..	3.2	2.7	9.1
60⅛	38⅛	Blackwood Hodge	38⅛	40⅛	-⅛	2.1	5.3	5.8
114½	82	Blue Arrow (aa)	95	97	..	2.4	2.5	15.7
320	201	Bodycote	218	226	●..	9.7	4.4	8.4
327	227	Boots (aa)	263	266	●+5	13.6	5.2	12.4
134	79	Boulton Inds?	76	83	..	2.9	3.6	8.4
531	396	Bowater	407	410	+4	22.3	5.5	10.0
21½	15	Bowater Inc	17⅛	17⅜	+⅛	..	..	..
350	240	Bradbeets?	275	285	+8	8.7	3.1	10.1
53	20	Brammer?	27	30	s -2	1.0	3.4	9.1
302	185	Brammer	186	190	-1	17.3	9.2	9.4
84	48	Bridgend Gp	80	84	●+1	1.0	1.6	25.0
224	175½	Bridon	194	200	●+3	10.0	5.1	13.5
228	155	Bridport-Gundry	152	157	..	9.3	6.0	30.7
90	40	Bentley Inv?	78	82	..	..	..	..
221½	151	Br Airways (aa)	208	209	●+½	10.7	5.2	9.3
385	325	Br Bldg & Eng App	330	360	..	5.3	1.5	13.4
185	118	Br Steel	123	125	..	10.3	8.3	3.7
178	143	Br Syphon	157	162	..	2.7e	1.7	17.2
318	203	Br Vita	285	290	-2	10.5	4.1	12.9
518	320	Broken Hill	435	440	●+3	..	..	..
153	100	Bromsgrove Inds	118	121	-2	3.7	3.1	9.7
38	25½	Brooke Tool	29½	31	..	2.4	7.9	8.4
205	178	Brown & Tawse	175	180	..	12.7	7.1	8.3

Figures in the remaining sections (Industrials continued, E-K, L-R, S-Z, Insurance, Leisure, Mining, Property, etc.) are partly illegible in the scan; best readings follow.

E-K

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
367	276	BS?	292	302	●..	12.9	4.3	12.4
428	273	Eastern Prod	385	400	●..	14.7	3.7	15.8
19½	10½	Eagle Trust	17¼	18¼	..	0.61	3.4	19.1
405	235	Edbro	220	250	-10	14.7	6.3	7.1
58	38	Elbief	42	47	..	2.6	5.8	16.7
219	123	Elco	120	125	●-2	8.3	6.7	6.9
36⅛	27⅛	Electrolux (AE) 'B'	28⅛	..	+1⅛	..	..	..
121	85	Elliott (B)	89	92	●..	5.0	5.5	9.4
20	11½	Elswick	13	13⅛	-⅛	0.7	3.2	11.9
541	369	Eng China Clay (aa)	400	408	+1	24.4	6.1	9.5
83⅛	32⅛	Ericsson (LM) 'B'	82⅛	..	+1⅛	..	..	..
243	167	Erskine Hse	163	173	..	8.3	4.9	7.5
213	94	Eurocopy	202	207	+2	1.2	0.6	36.2
11⅛	415	Eurotunnel Units	520	535	+18	..	..	..
90	31	Eurotunnel Warrants	37	39	-1	..	..	..
253	175	Excalibur?	220	228	+1	12.2	5.5	13.1
238	149	Fairey Group	192	199	-1	6.4	3.3	8.4
187	141	Fenner (JH)	156	160	●..	10.6	6.8	7.8
93	65	Fife Indmar	82	87	..	5.0	5.9	29.7
357	229	Fisons (aa)	349	351	●+4	7.3	2.1	17.8
145	108	Fernslan?	119	124	●..	..	..	..
153	108	Flexello C&W	158	163	+1	6.8	4.2	10.1
76	23	Fobel	27	31	-2	..	..	..
70	40	Folkes Group N/V	47	50	..	2.5	5.1	9.2
111	73	French (Thomas)	79	84	..	4.4	5.4	18.9
157	111	GEI Intl	124	128	●+1	9.0	7.1	11.1
476	292½	GKN (aa)	393	397	●+7	24.3	6.2	9.3
180	135	GR	155	165	●..	7.7	4.8	4.7
227	173	Garton Eng	178	183	●..	8.7	4.8	8.5
301	197	Gestetner	256	263	+3	7.3	2.8	7.5
167	129	Glaxo?	138	143	●..	5.4	3.8	14.1
756	369	Glaxo (aa)	751	754	s +6	23.3	3.1	17.0
339	220	Glynwed (aa)	247	251	●+2	13.9	5.6	8.6
356	255	Goring Kerr	270	285	..	20.7	7.4	10.7
233	162	Grampian Hdg	162	165	+1	5.1	3.1	15.0
388	270	Granada (aa)	305	308	..	15.5	5.0	11.8
223	116	Grovewood Sec	162	172	+2	4.3	2.6	15.5
253	173	Hadenn MacLellan	203	208	..	8.0	3.9	13.8
455	185	Hall Eng	182	192	s +2	20.7	11.1	8.4
269	92½	Halma	168	170	..	1.9	1.1	20.9
74	48	Hampson Ind	45	50	s -1	3.1	6.5	6.5
192	90	Hanimex	92	102	●..	..	..	..
242	154	Hanson (aa)	227	228	-½	11.3	5.0	12.6
146	91	Harris (Philip)	98	108	-3	7.3	7.2	14.8
202	110	Havelock Europa	113	120	-2	4.8	4.1	84.8
783	537	Hawker Siddy (aa)	623	630	●+15	32.1	5.1	12.0
182	100	Hay (Norman)	118	128	r ..	3.0	2.4	15.1
313	218	Hepworth	245	247	-4	17.4	7.1	9.4
304	213½	Hestair	298	303	●-2	10.9	3.6	11.7
172	105	Hewitt (J)	130	140	..	2.7	2.0	34.3
393	288	High-Point	303	315	●+5	9.9	3.9	9.9
119	49	Holmes Protection	68	68	●-2	..	..	..
110	60	Hopkinsons	77	80	-1	4.4	5.6	..
175	125	Howden	160	163	-1	6.1	3.8	13.5
308	164	Hunting	208	213	●..	12.0b	5.7	8.5
98	54	Hutchison Whampoa	71	74	..	..	..	..
254	181	IMI (aa)	197	200	..	11.7	5.9	9.0
144	94	ISA Intl	116	121	●+1	1.3	1.1	22.6
278	171	Ibstron	197	207	..	3.5	1.7	15.9
358	188	JS Pathology	213	228	●+3	7.3	3.3	12.5
208	152	Jacksons Mach?	156	202	-2	..	..	..
736	482	Johnson Cleaners	565	580	..	33.2	5.8	10.6
436	328	Johnson Matthey	365	369	..	10.7	2.9	12.4
48	40	Johnson & FB	45½	47½	..	2.9	6.2	13.0
588	315	Johnston	330	360	●..	18.7	4.8	8.4
177	101	Jones & Shipman	125	130	..	8.5	3.1	20.5
129	70	Jourdan (Thomas)	70	75	..	7.5	10.3	8.2
48	24½	Kalamazoo	28	31	..	..	..	..
45	26½	Kalon	28	29½	..	1.5	5.2	14.8
457	355	Kelsey Ind	385	400	..	15.5	3.9	10.4
730	470	Kershaw (A)	465	495	..	32.3	6.8	28.9
345	113	Kleen-Eze	120	130	-3	11.3	9.0	6.9

L-R

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
164	119	Lap?	131	134	●..	6.7	5.0	16.8
278	190	Laird	213	217	●-2	12.8b	6.0	22.6
94	56	Landex	81	84	●+1	2.7	3.3	8.1
173	125	Lee (Arthur)	135	140	+4	6.1	4.4	11.2
148	93	Lilleshall	108	113	●..	4.7	4.2	12.7
185	125	Linread	152	157	..	6.7	4.3	10.4
31	24	Locker (T)	26	29	●..	2.1	7.5	9.3
273	201	Lon Intl	231	235	..	10.1	4.3	12.8
284	154	Low & Bonar	158	165	-5	9.6	5.9	8.5
277	157	MB Group (aa)	183	187	-2	5.3	2.9	..
151	104	ML Hldgs	107	110	+1	3.8b	3.5	9.8
158	104	MS Intl	102	106	-1	5.3	5.1	10.1
102	56	MY Holdings	56	60	●..	1.1	1.9	..
355	215	Macarthy	218	228	-12	16.0	7.2	15.6
323	198	Macfarlane	263	270	..	6.5	2.4	21.4
348	249	McKechnie	268	273	●+2	19.7	7.3	8.1
148	114	McLeod Russel	125	130	●..	7.0	5.5	8.9
161	135	Magnolia	142	152	..	6.9	4.7	12.6
27	18½	Manchester Ship	26	28	..	..	..	25.7
290	228	Marlborough?	225	230	..	10.0	4.4	6.8
248	184	Marling	225	230	..	5.3	2.3	12.8
90	42	Mayborn	45	50	..	5.1	10.6	5.9
135	83½	Meggitt	84	86	●..	2.9	4.6	9.3
211	126	Metal Closures	155	162	●+5	10.9	6.9	15.5
98	71	Metalrax	77	80	+2	4.8	6.1	10.3
61	34	Michael Page	56	57	+½	2.1	3.7	11.5
88	50	Midsummer?	67	72	-1	..	..	..
32	17½	Mining & Ald	22	24	r +1	..	..	15.8
213	138	Mills Gp	160	175	+5	..	..	23.0
207	190	Molins	190	200	..	12.8	6.6	28.3
191	85	Monotype	152	157	..	1.8	1.2	..
328	235	Morgan Crucible	235	237	●-3	15.1	6.1	13.2
303	229	NFC	248	253	●+1	10.0	4.0	16.6
185	99	NMC Group	112	118	..	4.4	3.8	7.5
89	39	Neepsend	44	47	-1	1.6	3.5	12.1
278	178	Neill (J)	273	283	..	11.3	4.1	17.2
152	88	Nestor-BNA	113	118	-1	3.6	3.1	15.5
108	88	Newhalls & Lund?	94	97	..	1.3e	..	..
265	165	Nobo Gp	198	208	+4	8.8	4.3	11.8
353	213	Norcros	223	227	-2	21.3	9.5	6.7
615	385	Nu-Swift	510	530	..	21.3	4.1	13.8
137	55	Office Elect Mach	57	67	●..	0.1	0.2	..
148	112	Optical & Med	108	115	..	6.6	6.1	10.6
168	128	PFG Hodgson	133	137	..	..	..	..
482	382	Parkfield	482	488	..	16.0	3.3	14.9
97	60	Pentland	73	78	..	2.9	3.9	30.1
48	39	PergamonAGB	48	52	●+2	6.0b	12.0	2.2
580	415	Photo-Me	530	550	●..	8.0	1.5	18.4
273	198	Pilkington (aa)	241	243	-2	12.7	5.2	8.8
161	85	Polypipe	100	105	+2	4.0	3.9	8.7
334	232	Portals	252	260	●+3	13.7	5.3	11.5
114	85	Porter Chadburn	93	97	..	2.4	2.5	12.8
412	339	Powell Duffryn	348	354	●+6	28.1	8.0	10.5
154	82	Powerscreen	125	129	●..	5.9	4.6	9.9
300	227	Prestbury Alexander	278	283	+2	9.3	3.3	10.6
273	188	Radiant Metal	190	215	..	4.0	2.0	27.1
10⅛	721	Rank Org (aa)	875	885	+6	36.3	4.1	12.5
233	143	Ransomes	152	155	+1	7.6	4.9	12.9
795	314	Ratcliffs?	545	565	●..	12.7	2.3	25.4
12⅛	908	Reckitt Colman (aa)	12	12⅛	●..	36.0	3.0	15.2
141	60	Reed Executive	105	115	+2	2.7	2.5	10.6
221	135	Relyon	133	143	..	8.3	6.0	6.9
257	188	Renishaw?	243	248	..	5.8	2.3	13.5
116	76	Renold	84	88	●..	4.3	5.1	9.8
989	508	Reuters (aa)	949	945	+3	13.1	1.4	28.3
74	42	Rexmore	42	46	..	3.0	6.8	4.9
160	113	Ricardo Eng	138	143	..	6.7	4.8	11.2
158	88	Richard (Leics)	100	105	..	2.0	1.9	39.6
74	47	Richardson West	54	57	-1	2.9	5.2	12.2
123	84	Robertson	112	116	+1	5.1	4.5	12.8
288	84	Robinson (Thomas)	87	91	s ..	4.7b	5.3	7.8
75	50	Rockware	54	56	..	3.3	6.0	14.2
171	115	Ropner	113	117	●..	9.7	8.4	11.7
170	109	Do 'A'	113	117	●+3	9.7	8.4	11.7
195	138	Rotork	159	163	..	10.0	6.2	14.5
100	69	Russell (A)	88	91	..	2.7	3.0	14.8

S-Z

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
33	8	SI	23	24½	..	..	..	..
17½	394	SKF 'B'	13¼	..	+⅛	..	..	..
225	160	Sale Tilney	160	165	..	14.7	9.0	11.0
73	42	Savile Gordon (J)	53	55	..	2.7	5.0	10.2
333	123½	Scapa	152	156	..	5.9	3.8	10.5
191	126	Scot Heritable	124	128	..	8.7b	6.9	6.4
323	223	Scott & Robertson	215	230	●..	9.1	4.1	12.0
10⅛	398	Securicor	830	860	..	1.8	0.2	92.2
985	345	Do 'A'	788	803	..	1.8	0.2	85.0
299	199	Securiguard	240	245	-2	9.5	3.9	12.9
831	83	Security Serv	682	707	..	3.4	0.5	58.8
72½	54½	Senior Eng	57	58½	●-½	3.8	6.2	10.4
102	78	Siebe?	90	95	●..	3.2	3.4	6.5
196	131	Sidlaw	152	156	..	10.3	6.7	8.9
582	380	Siebe (aa)	450	455	-1	15.2	3.4	9.2
190	93	Silentnight	30?	35	●-5	9.3	10.0	6.2
428	284	Simon Eng	368	375	●-9	19.3	5.2	11.4
313	225	Sinclair (Wm)	257	267	+2	7.0	2.7	18.8
142	101	Six Hundred	170	104?	●..	8.3	8.1	6.1
472	352	Slaterley?	350	356	●+1	27.9	7.9	11.1
148½	114½	Smith & Nephew (aa)	136	138	●-½	5.3	3.9	15.4
829	485	Smiths Ind? (aa)	564	565	-3½	..	..	..
334	238	Smurfit? Ind (aa)	285	288	●+2	11.9	4.5	10.5
257	223	Spear (JW)	228	248	..	3.3	1.4	60.4
520	188	Spirax-Sarco	235	240	●+3	10.7	4.5	13.0
55	10	Spong Hldgs	48	50	-1	..	..	..
252	61	Spring Ram	99	103	●+1	0.5	0.5	14.5
150	100	Stag Furniture	102	109	..	8.3	8.8	7.5
138	38	Star Comp	69	78	-4	..	..	..
238	172	Staveley	193	197	●..	9.3	4.8	9.7
187	100	Sterling Ind	98	108	..	5.3	5.1	19.4
106	81	Stonehill	79	82	-1	..	..	20.0
24	12	Stoneyard?	13	14	..	0.1	0.7	33.8
132	32	Sumner Ind	41	45	-2	1.3b	3.0	..
218	148	Suter	152	155	..	10.4	6.8	12.4
188	105	Swire Pacific 'A'	125	128	-2	..	..	..
43	20	Sycamore	28	33	..	..	..	..
185	156	Sytone	190	200	+3	18.0	9.2	12.0
203	160	T & N (aa)	185	188	..	13.3	7.1	7.1
487	303	TI (aa)	393	397	-5	19.3	4.9	11.3
168	140	TNT	139	143	●-1	..	..	..
273	95	TT Group	105	110	..	4.7	4.4	21.5
200	148	Tace	143	158	r -2	15.0	9.9	8.9
128⅛	99⅛	Takeda Chem	104⅛	..	+⅛	..	..	..
258	165	Teltos	212	217	-1	11.5	5.3	16.1
320	150	Tex Hldgs	185	195	-5	14.0	7.4	9.5
270	165	Third Mile	165	175	●..	4.5	2.6	18.2
55	42	TGH?	50	..	..	..	..	..
297	195	Tomkins	255	259	-3	9.0	3.5	8.7
422	289	Trafalgar H (aa)	339	343	+5	22.4	6.6	8.9
294	190	Transport Dev	234	237	-1	12.7	5.4	11.8
138	82	Trelac?	122	127	●..	4.0	3.2	14.7
200	131	Triplex Lloyd	132	137	..	7.7	5.7	7.4
388	345	Undaro?	325	365	..	..	..	..
54	42	Unigroup	42	45	..	..	..	24.0
679	480	Unilever (aa)	677	680	●+8	18.7	2.8	..
48⅛	32⅛	Unilever (NV)	48⅛	..	●+⅛	..	..	..
35⅛	6⅛	Utd Guarantee	8	9⅛	+2	2.0	8.9	25.7
825	350	Usborne	27	30	●..	3.4	3.9	9.7
43	25½	VSEL	418	430	-1	18.7	3.8	25.0
257½	157	Vernon	36	38	●-1	0.8	2.1	8.3
		Vickers	195	200	..	10.5	5.3	12.0
205	140	Vinten	154	162	●+2	6.5	4.1	11.2
193⅛	94⅛	Volkswagen	169⅛	..	+3⅛	..	..	..
274	136	Vosper Thorny	250	252	-3	11.3	4.4	11.8
180	114	Wade Potteries	153	162	●..	7.3	4.6	15.5
391	292	Wagon Ind	293	300	..	19.3	6.5	8.8
85	37	Walker, Greenbank	58	63	●..	3.0	4.9	..
222	155	Warner Howard	178	186	●-2	5.4	3.0	15.0
291	155	Wassall	167	172	..	1.3	0.8	30.2
90	53	Waterford Wedgw	56	58	-1	..	..	..
331	225	Weir	243	247	+2	9.7	4.0	13.2
783	300	Wellcome (aa)	726	732	●-1	6.7	0.9	37.0
54	35½	Wellman	38	39	..	1.3	3.4	7.4
54	37	Westbury	38	39	●..	3.3	8.7	6.5
72	35	Westmex	37	42	s +5	..	..	..
490	347	Whatman Reeve	405	415	..	7.3	1.8	15.5
163	102	Whessoe	101	108	..	5.7	5.4	4.2
140	80	Whitecroft?	124	128	..	4.0	3.2	18.4
327	285	Whitecroft	303	307	..	18.4	6.0	8.9
286	187	Wilkes (James)	198	205	-3	12.0b	5.9	12.2
28	12	Williams Gp	11	12½	●..	1.1b	9.2	5.7
288	213	Williams Hldgs (aa)	233	237	●..	14.0	6.0	8.5
113	28	Wills Gp	27	32	..	..	..	4.2
323	232	Wolseley	278	284	..	14.7	5.2	7.6
168	130	Wood (Arthur)	132	142	..	5.1	3.7	11.7
238	48	Wood (SW)	58	65	-7	..	..	3.2
237	145	Worcester	148	158	-2	4.3	2.8	10.0
355	203	Wyndham Eng	240	250	..	6.7	2.7	4.7
389	249	Yale & Valor	300	307	●..	12.3	4.0	10.8
185	100	Young (H)	103	107	-3	9.3	8.9	11.4

INSURANCE

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
21⅛	12⅛	Alex & Alex	20⅛	..	●-⅛	..	..	..
798½	527½	Allianz Vers	798½	..	+25½	..	..	..
24⅛	18⅛	Am Gen	21⅛	..	●-⅛	..	..	..
155½	118	Archer (AJ)	130	135	+1	10.7	8.0	8.5
250	175	Bradstock	217	222	..	8.7	4.4	12.7
577	316	Britannic	570	576	+34	23.3	4.1	..
472	333	Com Union (aa)	467	470	+6	28.5	5.7	..
180	105	FAI	126	128	●-2	..	..	..
11⅛	858	Gen Accident (aa)	11⅛	11⅜	●+⅛	61.3	5.4	..
249	182	GRE (aa)	245	248	●+11	14.0	5.7	..
511	417	Heath C E	507	512	●+1	34.5	6.8	16.3
174	129	Hogg Rob & Gill	165	170	●..	9.0	5.4	14.9
400	288	Legal & Gen (aa)	391	394	●+7	19.1	4.9	..
338½	238	Lloyds Abbey	297	300	+5	21.2	7.1	..
275	188	Lloyd Thompson	268	270	-1	8.0	3.0	17.8
344	240	London & Man	338	342	+2	14.5	4.3	28.3
137	33	Lon Utd Inv	30	35	..	..	..	6.2
35⅛	30⅛	Marsh McLen	34⅛	..	-⅛	..	..	..
139	36	PWS	46	50	..	1.3	2.7	10.8
684	384	Pearl (aa)	685	690	..	33.3b	4.8	..
218	152	Prudential (aa)	213	215	●+2	11.2	5.2	..
714	427	Refuge	700	707	+17	29.0	4.1	..
500	379	Royal (aa)	493	497	+3	31.7	6.4	15.4
292	227	Sedgwick (aa)	290	293	+2	16.0	5.5	28.5
299	205	Steel Burrill	255	262	+2	13.7	5.3	23.1
278	224	Stenge? Hldgs	265	270	+1	20.0b	7.5	14.4
337	247½	Sun Alliance (aa)	318	318	●+12	14.7	4.6	..
12⅛	848	Sun Life	12⅛	12⅜	..	53.3	4.2	..
167	146	Trade Indemnity	154	159	+2	1.8	1.1	..
275	212	Willis Faber (aa)	265	270	-1	15.3	5.7	19.9
48	35	Windsor	34	37	..	0.7	1.9	22.9

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LEISURE

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
315	195	Anglia TV 'A'	250	257	+1	10.7	4.2	10.8
395	275	Barr & WA 'A'	250	300	..	22.0	8.0	11.1
540	225	Boosey & Hawkes	350	500	●-10	13.7	3.2	16.2
420	317	Brent Walker	343	348	●+3	16.0	4.6	7.0
103	85	Buckingham Intl	87	90	-2	..	..	28.3
344	153	Campari	150	155	-2	11.3	7.4	4.9
11⅛	504	Capital Radio	900	910	..	24.0	2.7	14.8
954	680	Carlton Comm	825	835	..	10.8	1.3	21.0
465	267	Castle Comm	415	430	●-5	11.3	2.7	14.8
823	578	Central TV	705	715	+2	36.0	5.1	10.6
243	123	Chrysalis	132	137	..	5.3	3.9	..
392	280	Compass Gp	337	340	+1	9.6	2.8	..
88	58	Euro Leisure	71	74	r ..	..	..	..
247	149	First Leisure	211	215	+1	4.2	2.0	22.1
73	45	Grampian	69	70	●+1	4.1	5.9	7.9
138	84	HTV Group	121	124	+½	6.7	5.4	7.1
375	165	Hamburger Brooks?	220	270	..	..	..	..
237	157	LWT Hldgs	202	205	-1	2.3	1.1	13.1
111	29	Leisure Inv	35	38	+1	1.5	4.1	17.8
230	148	Mecca	147	149	●-2	6.1	4.1	15.4
182	101	Maidenster?	135	145	..	5.2	3.7	14.8
258	143	Mirtsummer?	169	173	..	3.9	2.3	10.6
87	40	Owners Abroad	49	52	+2	3.6	7.5	6.5
230	84	Pavilion Leisure	85	..	..	8.0	8.3	6.6
319	180	Quadrant Group	177	187	●-3	5.1	2.8	12.0
690	174	Really Useful	230	238	s ..	22.7	9.7	13.5
305	198	Saga Gp	208	212	..	7.7	2.7	23.3
518	388	Scot TV	478	485	●..	27.0	5.6	8.4
282	197	Stanley Leisure	205	210	-2	6.0	2.9	12.7
347	188	TVS	185	190	..	19.0	10.1	5.0
98	65	TSW	88	91	●-1	5.6	6.1	6.9
579	360	Thames TV	495	503	●+5	20.5	4.1	10.8
147	95	Tottenham Hotspur	132	137	●..	6.7	5.0	15.7
220	137	TV-AM	188	192	..	9.3	4.9	9.7
475	348	Tyne Tees TV	407	412	..	24.3	5.9	7.7
152	90	Ulster TV	132	135	●..	8.0	6.0	8.2
129	85	Wembley	102	104	..	2.3	2.2	15.9
58	32	Woodington	38	41	r ..	..	..	13.6
327	222	Yorkshire TV	258	260	+1	13.2	5.1	7.4
165	138	Zetters Gp	148	155	..	8.0	5.3	21.5

MINING

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
61⅛	38⅛	Am Gold	57⅛	58⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
12⅛	8⅛	Ang Amer Coal	11⅛	11⅛	●..	.. b	..	..
18⅛	871	Ang Am	16⅛	17⅛	..	..	..	..
249	134	Blyvoors	207	237	-2	..	..	..
62	31	Bracken	48	58	..	..	..	..
11⅛	578	Buffels	10⅛	10⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
53	28	Burr?	28	32	+2	..	..	..
610	389	CRA	532	538	+2	..	..	..
10⅛	594	De Beers	982	992	+19	..	..	..
298	128	Deelkraal	276	296	+4	..	..	..
128	54	Doornfontein	111	141	+1	..	..	..
940	457	Driefontein	868	898	-12	..	..	..
13	4	DRX	10	..	+1	..	..	..
465	118	Durban	414	434	+1	..	..	..
394	195	E Daggs	374	394	+2	..	..	..
660	240	Elandsrand	564	614	+2	..	..	..
78	38	Elsburg	63	93	+1	..	..	..
324	145	E Rand Gold	308	328	+8	..	..	..
401	104	E Rand Prop	349	369	-8	..	..	..
835	404	FS Cons	749	779	-23	..	..	..
188	107	FS Dev	160	175	..	..	..	..
16	780	GFSA	15⅛	16	+⅛	..	..	..
88	65	Geevor Tin	81	86	..	..	..	65.4
18⅛	145	Gencor	131	161	..	..	..	..
57	31	GM Kalgoorli	46	47⅛	-1	..	..	..
94	40	Greenwich Res	50	55	..	..	..	14.6
145	47	Grootvlei	127	147	+3	..	..	..
493	270	Harmony	460	480	-11	..	..	..
559	321	Hartebeest?	533	563	+6	..	..	..
12⅛	471	Kinross	12	12⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
793	436	Kloof	724	744	s -30	..	..	..
125	33	Leslie	105	125	+2	..	..	..
135	83	Libanon	105	135	s +1	..	..	..
235	71	Loraine	209	229	+1	..	..	..
134	77	MIM	109	112	r +1	..	..	..
10⅛	826	Minorco	9⅛	10⅛	+⅛	..	..	..
164	105	Nth Broken Hill	130	134	..	..	..	..
19⅛	9⅛	Orange Free	17⅛	18⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
590	406	RTZ (aa)	532	537	●+7	21.0	3.9	11.3
15⅛	9⅛	Rand Mines Ltd	15⅛	16	r ..	..	..	..
400	265	Rand Mines Prop	370	395	●..	..	..	..
37⅛	378	Randfontein	432	482	+1	..	..	..
448	228	Renison	435	450	..	..	..	..
13⅛	6⅛	Rustenburg	13	13⅛	..	28.0	2.0	89.0
718	364	St Helena	638	668	-28	..	..	..
28⅛	15⅛	Southvaal	26⅛	27	-⅛	..	..	..
287	167	Stilfontein	253	273	..	..	..	..
488	173	Unisel	453	483	+1	..	..	..
69⅛	38⅛	Vaal Reefs	65⅛	66⅛	+⅛	..	..	..
121	51	Venterspost	111	131	..	..	..	..
513	257	Welkom	443	473	-19	..	..	..
125	55	Western Areas	106	136	..	..	..	..
30⅛	14⅛	Western Deep	28⅛	29⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
333	222	Western Mining	304	308	●-8	..	..	..
16⅛	703	Winkelhaak	15⅛	16⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
38	20	Zambia Copper	23	26	..	..	..	..
95	53	Zandpan	83	..	-3	..	..	..

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
184½	104	Appleyard	110	114	-2	4.9	4.4	5.2
194	132	Armstrong	181	185	..	5.7	3.1	10.6
800	800	Bosnall (CD)?	550	650	..	6.1	1.0	23.8
748	490	Br Aerospace (aa)	517	523	+7	28.4	5.5	8.4
600	483	Caffyns	575	585	..	15.3	2.6	21.2
151	72½	Cowie (T)	72	73	-1½	6.9	9.5	4.3
136	66	Dag Motors	82	87	..	6.7	7.9	4.5
299	215	Dowty	228	232	-1	10.7	4.7	12.7
505	243	ERF	245	260	..	20.0	7.9	3.9
281	185	FR Group	200	203	●-6	7.8	3.8	9.9
35½	27½	Ford Motor	29⅛	..	●+¼	..	..	..
280	115	General Motor	140	..	+1	..	..	..
138	80	Harwell Plc	105	109	●..	4.1	3.8	12.4
980	762	Honda Motor	797	..	+2	..	..	..
98	72	Jacks (Wm)	75	79	..	2.7	3.5	14.4
905	264	Jaguar (aa)	832	836	-1	14.7f	1.8	75.1
196	97	Jessups	100	110	●..	9.3	8.9	5.8
174	98½	Kwik-Fit	122	125	-1	3.2	2.6	18.4
147	84	Lancaster	83	90	..	5.6	6.4	5.6
398½	240	Lex	274	279	+4	19.3	7.0	7.0
217	105	Lookers	107	117	..	7.6	6.8	4.5
722	508	Lucas (aa)	560	568	●+15	33.3	5.7	6.6
233	148	Perry Gp	148	153	●+2	12.0	7.9	5.4
250	168	Pinnock Group	165	170	●..	11.3b	6.7	16.3
188	103	Quicks Group	113	118	+5	7.3	6.3	7.2
202	131	Rolls-Royce (aa)	162	164	●-1	8.7	5.3	7.7
49	18⅛	Trimoco	18⅛	19⅛	-1	1.9	10.0	3.5
855	475	Western Motor	508	520	●+1	19.3	3.8	7.1
153	120	Westland	135	139	..	4.7	3.4	44.6

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
170	73	Aldcome?	95	100	..	8.0	8.2	8.8
223	175	BPP	170	190	..	12.0	6.7	17.5
373	118	Barbour Index	142	152	s ..	12.7	8.6	13.6
465	385	Black (A&C)	400	410	..	17.0	4.2	13.0
368	265	Bristol	310	330	-5	14.0	4.4	15.4
255	148	Builder Gp	248	258	+3	3.9	1.5	16.8
80	40	Burford?	38	41	..	0.8	2.0	21.3
87	45	Daily Mail	58	61	..	101.	1.7	24.6
85	44	Daily Mail 'A'	57	59	..	101.	1.7	32.8
268	195	EMAP	207	212	●+2	7.9	3.8	13.5
473	226	Haynes Publishing	230	240	s ..	12.7	5.4	12.7
490	256	Home Counties	247	257	..	8.9	3.5	10.1
152	80	Ind Bus Comms	80	83	●..	5.7f	7.0	8.2
580	313	Independent	445	460	..	..	..	..
166	123	Johnston Press	143	148	-2	5.3	3.6	6.6
237	187	Maxwell Comm (aa)	225	227	..	19.2	8.5	45.1
845	430	News Corp	850	885	+30	..	..	..
308	212	News Intl	235	303	+2	6.6	2.2	98.5
829	623	Pearson (aa)	710	718	..	26.0	3.6	13.0
347	243	Portsmouth Sund	300	310	●..	10.2	3.3	9.3
471	349	Reed Intl (aa)	413	417	●-1	16.8	4.0	13.5
175	108	Southnews	100	110	+2	6.4	6.1	9.5
10⅛	670	Thomson Corp	880	910	●+15	..	..	..
222	165	Trinity Intl	217	227	+2	8.7	3.9	13.8
520	371	Utd Newspapers (aa)	476	482	-2	27.3	5.7	12.9

OILS, GAS

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
79	56½	Aran Energy	60	61	-½	..	..	..
17⅛	5⅛	Atlantic Resources	9⅛	10⅛	r -⅛	..	..	..
41	26	Aus Oil & Gas	38	39	..	..	..	..
21⅛	7⅛	Aviva Pet	21	22	+1⅛	.. f	..	..
2⅛	2⅛	BGM Hldgs	2⅛	2⅛	..	.. f	..	..
800	465	Br Borneo	556	573	●+5	32.0	5.7	18.3
213½	156½	British Gas (aa)	208	211	-½	12.6	6.0	9.9
325½	248	Br Petroleum (aa)	308	310	●+1	19.5	6.3	14.1
705	477	Burmah (aa)	663	668	●+6	26.7	3.9	16.0
327	180	Cairn Energy	308	310	+2	..	..	..
454	372	Calor Gp	417	419	-1	23.5	5.6	17.7
25	10	Caspian Oil	10	12	..	..	..	..
218	118	Century	127	132	+6	8.0	6.2	17.1
166	94	Clyde Pet	158	160	-1	1.3	0.8	83.7
639	489	Enterprise (aa)	621	627	-2	15.7	2.5	47.6
275	81	Ero Comp Louisiana	257	263	..	..	..	..
113	78	Goal Pet	81	85	..	1.3	1.4	..
187	101	Gt Western Res	160	170	..	5.0	3.0	..
22⅛	14⅛	Hamilton	22	..	+⅛	..	..	..
188	122	Hardy O & G	165	170	..	..	..	..
27	13	KCA Drilling	17⅛	18⅛	..	..	..	49
65	27½	Kelt Energy	29	31	-½	..	..	..
349	415	LASMO (aa)	545	547	-1	12.0	2.2	81.4
138	90	Do Units	130	135	s ..	28.5	21.4	..
34⅛	19⅛	Mobil	28⅛	29⅛	r -⅛	..	..	40.8
30	8	New London	15	17	..	36.7	..	..
45	27	Oil Search	31	34	..	..	..	..
87	49	Petrocon	58	65	●..	0.7	1.1	33.5
27	1	Petroz	14	17	+1	..	..	..
117½	57	Premier	115	118	..	..	..	80.6
510	340	Presido	480	530	●..	..	..	..
410	275	Ranger	382	..	-1	..	..	..
44⅛	33⅛	Royal Dutch FIS	44⅛	..	+⅛	..	..	..
467	327	Shell (aa)	443	445	-1	23.4	5.3	18.8
218	152	Sovereign	184	187	+2	..	..	85.8
11	5	Target Res P/P	5	8	..	..	..	..
203	142	Triton Europe	170	172	+5	..	..	88.6
354½	285	Ultramar (aa)	327	330	-8	10.7	3.3	30.2
149	85	Woodside	141	145	..	..	..	..

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
585	273	Antofagasta	485	515	●-5	20.0	4.0	9.4
71	42	Boustead	64	65	●+1	1.7	2.6	17.4
187	118	Callington	158	165	●+1	11.0	6.8	28.1
137	105	Finlay (James)	125	130	●+3	5.5	4.3	24.2
162	142	Harrison Crosfld (aa)	142	145	●+1	11.3	7.8	10.8
305	202	Inchcape (aa)	273	277	●..	14.7	5.3	12.8
323	226	Lonrho (aa)	278	282	+6	19.2	6.9	14.0
58	36	Ocean Wilson	39	44	●-1	3.3	7.9	4.3
333	291	Paterson Zoch	315	325	●..	11.5	3.6	18.6
333	291	Do 'A'	310	320	●..	11.5	3.7	18.5
389	237	Polly Peck (aa)	372	375	●..	16.7	4.5	9.4
117	82	Sime Darby	112	117	-2	..	..	..
134½	80	Tozer Kemsley	124½	126	+1	6.0	4.8	11.4

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
285	222	Abbott Mead	253	258	..	8.5	3.3	18.9
46⅛	26⅛	Addison Cons	28	29⅛	..	1.9	6.6	23.2
301	150	Assoc Paper	148	155	+1	11.7	7.7	5.8
83	79	BNB Res	75	80	●..	4.8	6.2	8.0
249	200	Bemrose	195	205	..	15.1b	7.8	8.2
157	100	Bunning?	115	125	..	8.7	9.8	8.2
178	100	Bunzl (aa)	101	104	-1	7.9	7.7	8.7
220	155	Cropper (James)	150	160	-5	3.3	2.1	7.7
619	414	DRG	583	590	..	16.4	2.8	10.1
97	72	Delyn Packaging	73	77	●..	1.9	2.5	13.2
282	222	Ferguson Ind	225	228	●..	16.0	7.0	10.0
338	230	FKB	250	255	+5	9.3	3.7	10.6
380	250	Fitch-RS	253	263	-1	13.3	5.2	8.5
83	36	Geers Gross	37	42	..	1.3e	3.3	14.1
332	218	Gold Greenless?	213	218	..	10.0	4.8	7.1
226	151	Goodhead	150	155	..	7.3	4.8	8.1
188	140	Hunterprint	148	158	+3	13.3	8.7	5.8
168	123	Johnson Press?	143	148	+3	5.3	3.6	8.6
257	168	KLP	160	180	+2	9.2	5.4	13.6
50	9	Ketson?	10	11⅛	..	..	..	..
250	185	Lopex	192	197	-1	8.7	4.5	10.3
455	323	Lowe Group	380	387	+8	16.9	4.4	10.5
313	137	MIL Research	287	297	-3	6.1e	2.1	19.2
418	278	More O'Ferrall	370	385	-3	14.4	3.8	13.8
229	143	Norton Opax	217	223	..	6.7f	3.0	22.2
242	160	Olive Hldgs	173	183	..	14.0	7.9	10.3
149	93	Paragon Comms	118	123	..	4.8	4.0	10.8
249	187	St Ives Gp	215	220	●..	5.7	2.6	11.0
423	282	Saatchi 10p (aa)	293	297	-1	21.3	7.2	6.1
150	101	Sandbrook?	129	132	●..	3.4	2.6	9.1
375	286	Smith David	320	325	-2	11.7	3.6	9.6
615	385	Smurfit (Jeff)	595	615	●+17	..	..	..
335	170	UK Paper	328	332	..	8.1	2.5	16.3
412	283	Usher Walker	295	305	●..	14.0	4.7	8.3
210	62	VPI Gp	68	69	..	4.9	7.2	3.7
378	182	WCRS	280	285	r +5	5.7	2.2	10.3
781	486	WPP	678	686	●+10	31.6	4.6	14.3
280	229	Wace	308	313	-1	6.0	1.9	18.5
219	140	Waddington (J)	150	155	●..	10.0	6.5	9.7
462	375	Walmsley?	390	410	..	12.0	3.0	15.1
73	23	Waverley Cam	28	33	..	1.3	4.2	10.8
213	148	Yellowhammer	147	152	-1	4.4	2.9	8.4

PROPERTY

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
154	90	Allied Lon	105	108	●..	4.4	4.1	10.4
180	97	Asda?	98	103	..	2.1	2.1	16.1
149	99	BBH Group	105	107	-1	6.3	5.9	7.8
230	103	Baker Harris	110	120	..	9.3	8.1	5.6
526	393	Bilton (P)	405	420	●..	20.5	5.0	13.7
228	164	Bourne End	163	173	..	3.5	2.1	48.0
128	102	Bradford	105	110	●+2	4.0	3.7	11.4
330	212	Brixton?	215	225	..	8.0	3.6	12.4
487	284	Br Land (aa)	320	325	+9	6.2	1.9	15.4
250	148	Brodon	175	179	..	7.1	4.0	28.9
126	56	Cabra Est	68	73	●+2	5.3	7.5	12.8
405	348	Cap & Counties	362	372	..	15.3	4.2	18.1
490	395	Cardiff Prop	421	470	..	2.9	0.7	..
10⅛	770	Chesterfield	755	785	●..	22.0	2.9	24.3
227	75	Combe?	73	80	●+1	5.3	6.9	5.6
237	125	Citygrove	135	145	..	10.7	7.6	4.1
240	83	Clarke Nickolls	100	110	..	3.4f	3.2	13.2
331	222	Clayform	222	230	●+2	13.2	5.8	6.4
333	128	Conwells?	135	145	..	12.0	8.6	4.8
70	41	Control Secs	45½	48½	..	1.1	2.4	10.0
310	170	Cussins	180	190	●..	11.6	6.3	6.7
10⅛	790	Daejan	775	805	..	29.3	3.7	6.1
36⅛	23	Daniels? Estates	26⅛	27⅛	-⅛	2.0	7.4	9.1
180	105	Debenham Tewson	127	135	..	9.3	7.1	7.1
110	78	De Morgan	87	92	..	4.8	5.3	9.2
259	145	Dencora	170	178	..	7.3	4.2	5.0
825	635	Derwent Hldgs	680	730	..	9.5	1.3	32.2
84	65	Dutymaster?	71	74	..	1.5	2.1	..
205	123	Egerton Trust	133	140	..	10.7	7.8	6.6
350	300	Estates & Agency	340	360	●..	7.0	2.0	44.4
231	177	Estates Gen	170	185	..	4.7	2.6	43.2
255	170	Evans Of Leeds	182	197	..	8.2	4.3	13.8
83	54	Five Oaks	69	72	●..	2.1	3.0	7.3
205	155	Fletcher King	150	160	..	14.1	9.1	7.3
543	385	Frogmore	447	452	..	14.7	3.3	16.2
458	280	Grainger	320	340	+5	6.7b	2.0	16.4
396	270	Gt Portland	293	300	●..	10.7	3.6	28.2
578	393	Greycoat	471	476	-1	6.0	1.3	20.5
9⅛	2⅛	Hallwood Gp	3⅛	..	..	..	..	..
65	31	Hambro Countrywd	33	35	..	..	..	7.8
9⅛	783	Hammerson	793	808	●..	23.3	2.9	26.5
834	720	Do 'A' (aa)	765	780	●+3	23.3	3.0	24.8
188	93	Hanover Druce	93	108	●..	6.7	6.6	6.3
705	570	Haslemere	550	600	+5	31.0	5.4	8.8
282	223	Hellical Bar	245	255	..	7.7	3.1	5.4
216	143	Herring Son	172	182	..	6.7	3.8	12.8
320	247½	Jermyn	223	275	..	3.3	1.3	..
541	421	Laing Prop	482	492	+3	14.3	2.9	17.4
619	485	Land Sec (aa)	506	511	●+6	20.1	3.9	24.4
157	116	Lon & Edin Tst	135	138	●-3	5.8	4.2	7.6
118	88	Do 6% Cv	95	98	●-1	6.0	6.2	..
197	118	Lon & Metro	127	130	-1	8.9	6.9	7.0
84	36	Lon Securities	43	45	-1	1.3	3.0	6.2
808	458	MEPC (aa)	503	507	+6	21.0	4.2	23.0
272	135	McInerney	220	230	●..	..	..	..
222	169	McKay Secs	175	185	-5	7.1	3.9	21.0
194	80	Markheath	80	83	+1½	6.7	8.2	7.8
523	410	Marlborough? Moore?	420	435	+5	14.0	3.3	7.9
148	40	Marlin Intl	57	62	●..	2.7	4.5	..
136	94	Moorfield Estates	90	97	..	2.1	2.2	8.3
177	122	Mountleigh	161	165	-2	8.3	3.9	12.5
15	12	Mountview	12	12½	-⅛	12.7	1.0	7.6
143	82	Muckow (A&J)	114	117	s ..	6.0	5.2	17.9
108	63	New Cavendish	82	87	+2	..	..	13.5
34½	18⅛	Osbory? Est	18	19	..	1.0	5.4	6.4
125	38	Peachey? Prop	33	43	..	2.8	6.8	3.6
202	117	Power Corp	180	200	●..	..	..	..
535	318	Priest Marians	330	340	+10	4.4	1.3	..
195	118	Prop Security	128	132	s ..	8.0b	3.8	22.9
16	7⅛	Raglan	9	10	..	0.2	2.1	..
143	84	Regalian	82	85	●..	5.3	6.3	4.7
106	42	Rockfort	52	55	..	3.5	6.5	3.4
709	440	Rosehaugh	490	497	●+3	2.7	0.5	13.7
405	250	Rush & Tompkins	245	255	..	20.3	8.1	6.9
118	82	Saville?	80	84	..	5.0	6.1	6.8
172	136	Scot Met	145	149	●+3½	8.0	5.4	17.8
231	171	Shaftesbury	170	175	..	1.3	0.8	8.7
99	50	Sheraton Secs	80	82	-1	6.0	9.6	5.0
73	32	Shield	35	40	..	1.3	3.4	..
103	78	Sinclair Goldsmith	80	87	..	6.7	8.0	6.8
402	274	Slough Estates (aa)	304	306	-4	13.1	4.3	16.7
248	139	Southend Prop	138	142	..	4.0	2.9	8.9
353	235	Speyhawk	295	303	..	17.3	5.8	8.8
122	50	Town Centre	83	88	●..	2.4	2.8	23.8
217	89	Trafford Park	105	110	s -1	3.4	3.1	47.4
788	403	UK Land	400	430	..	14.7	3.5	2.6
82	31	Union Square	33	38	..	1.8	4.4	10.0
280	170	Warner	165	175	-3	9.0	5.3	21.9
12	253	Warnford	305	315	-2	8.3	2.7	28.2
136	78	Warrington	87	95	..	1.8	2.0	55.8
130	58	Waterglade	63	73	-2	6.0	8.8	4.0
202	165	Wace?	172	175	..	4.1	2.4	11.5
235	115	West & Country	140	150	+5	16.7	12.9	2.3

SHIPPING

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
688	444	Assoc Br Ports	567	575	+1	14.7	2.6	15.1
402	319	Caledonia	332	340	..	13.3	3.9	17.2
211	163	Clarkson (H)	208	213	+3	8.7	4.1	13.2
141	113	Fisher (James)	110	115	..	5.4	4.8	13.5
220	155	Graig	195	205	..	5.3	2.7	13.5
81	65	Jacobs (JI)	67	70	..	5.7	8.3	30.5
227	150	Mersey Docks	153	158	-2	3.6	2.3	5.4
383	257	Ocean Trans	315	323	..	16.3	5.1	14.9
730	520	P & O Dfd (aa)	560	567	+2	36.7	6.5	11.0
108	85	P & O 5.5%	102	107	..	7.3	7.0	..
480	337	Runciman (Walter)	400	420	●+5	16.0	3.9	14.4
539	394	Tiphook	430	438	..	9.3	2.1	14.2
305	215	Turnbull Scott	242	252	-1	8.0	3.2	12.7

SHOES, LEATHER

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
94	59	Headlam	77	84	..	2.9	3.6	12.0
216	113	Lambert Howarth	157	162	..	12.7	7.9	..
303	143	Pittard Garnar	140	145	●-2	8.1	5.7	..
288	133	Strong & Fisher	137	142	●..	16.4	11.7	40.9
310	250	Stylo	297	317	..	9.3	3.0	69.1

TEXTILES

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
38	20	Allach?	22	25	r ..	..	..	..
398	313	Allied Text	343	347	..	14.5	4.2	11.9
350	210	Beale (John)	238	248	..	10.1	4.2	8.7
105	63	Beckman (A)	75	80	●..	6.4	8.2	12.4
88	51	Bolton Gp	57	60	..	..	..	..
219	174	Br Mohair	180	185	-2	10.1	5.6	7.2
402	263	Courtaulds (aa)	354	357	●+5	17.6	4.9	10.3
130	7	CRT Gp	48	53	r +1	..	..	5.3
245	194	Dawson	209	212	+8	11.5	5.5	11.7
107	65	Drummond	63	65	..	4.9	7.5	5.5
178	119	Foster (John)	118	121	-31	7.3	6.1	5.8
275	165	Gaskell	165	175	..	10.4	6.1	5.8
120	78	Hicking Pentecost	78	81	-1	2.7	3.4	7.3
242	108	Jerome (S)	103	108	-2	10.4	9.8	4.3
284	210	Lamont	254	258	●+6	13.3	5.2	8.8
317	218	Leeds	212	222	+2	11.3	5.2	9.6
132	111	Lister	113	118	..	5.3	4.8	15.9
72	56	Lyles (S)	54	58	●..	5.0	8.9	5.9
250	150	Mackay (Hugh)	145	155	..	9.3	6.2	11.2
195	165	Parkland 'A'	155	160	●..	8.7	5.6	8.4
88	50	Readicut	50	51½	●..	4.3	8.4	7.0
141	73	SEET	80	85	..	7.1	8.6	..
113	82	Sirdar	90	93	..	6.9	7.5	10.9
58	31	Stoddard	33	37	-1	3.3	9.4	6.5
523	248	Tomkinsons	287	292	●+2	15.3	5.6	6.8
144	103	Tootal	104	106	●+2	6.6	6.3	12.1
31	14	West Trust	14	16	..	0.3	2.0	12.0
335	185	Yorkshire	215	225	●..	13.7	6.2	8.8

TOBACCOS

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
936	447	BAT (aa)	795	800	●+14	40.0	5.0	10.4
145	120	PJ Carroll	132	142	+2	.. b	..	..
683	424	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	645	655	●+10	16.4	2.5	11.9

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TOKYO

Nikkei edges to sixth peak running in heavy trading

(Reuter) – The stock exchange index managed its sixth consecutive record close, battered all afternoon as foreign speculators bought and other investors sold during the market's advance. The Nikkei index firmed by 36.16 points to 37,021.46.

It has achieved record closes for six trading days, rising by a total of 1,127.88 points, or 3.14 per cent.

Mr Yasutoshi Kakiuchi, the head of equity sales at James Capel Pacific, said: "It was a strong day, with everything concentrated on the large-capital stocks." Steel, shipbuilding, chemical and construction companies were especially favoured.

Brokers have been forecasting caution for the past few days now. A market analyst at Nikko Securities said: "We're at a point where we want the market to take a break." Large-capital shares do not easily move the index.

Volume was a hefty 1.7 billion shares after Tuesday's 1.5 billion. Trading was compact, with the 10 most active issues taking a highly-concentrated 40.2 per cent of the morning's turnover. The five big steel-makers claimed about 28 per cent of volume during the morning, led by Sumitomo Metal Industries, which alone accounted for 8.75 per cent.

Shipbuilding shares also changed hands in large blocks, with Mitsubishi, Kawasaki and Mitsui topping the list. Buyers and sellers swarmed around the cheaper stocks.

Official figures showed that Nomura Securities handled 12.1 per cent of the morning's trade and was a heavy net buyer while the other three big securities houses were net sellers. A foreign broker said: "It's a Nomura market."

STOCK MARKET

BAT shares harden as bid speculation grows

The shares of **BAT Industries** were nudging towards the £8 level again last night amid whispers – on both sides of the Atlantic – that another bid for the company was on the way.

The price finished 14p stronger at 797½p with almost 2.5 million shares traded. The buying was led from New York where the group's American Depository Receipts traded at a premium to the ordinary shares in London. By the close of business in London, 1.2 million ADRs had already been traded in New York at about the 806p level.

Sir James Goldsmith's Hoylake consortium has already said that it intends to renew its *£13 billion bid*, replacing the junk bond finance with cash. The support for BAT on Wall Street has underlined claims that Sir James has been lobbying American banks to help finance the deal.

Meanwhile, there is also talk that **Hanson** might bid for BAT. Hanson slipped ½p to 227½p after increasing full-year pre-tax profits from £880 million to £1.06 billion.

The rest of the equity market extended Tuesday's advance in thin trading although gains were trimmed towards the close. This week's bid news has generated selective support and enabled prices to forget worries about the falling pound and the prospect of higher interest rates. The FT-SE 100 index ended 13.6 higher at 2,255.6, having been 20.6 up, while the FT 30 index rose by 13.4 to 1,781.7. Turnover remained low at 418 million shares. But the pound's plight left government securities nursing losses of up to £½.

The strong mark was good for **Unilever**, up 6p to 678½p and **Queens Moat**, 3p to 108p. **ICI** was unchanged at £11.12.

Among the leaders, **British Telecom** rose 2½p to 269½p after a presentation by UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker.

Tate & Lyle, the Mr Cube sugar group, pleased the market with better-than-expected full-year figures, showing taxable profits up from £120 million to £200 million. Analysts are already raising their profit forecasts for the current year and the group was rewarded with a 13p rise to 280p.

Full-year figures from **Bass** fell just short of target although pre-tax profits were up from £449 million to a healthy £529 million. The group plans to split its brewing and public house operation into two separate divisions. The shares closed unchanged at £10.

Allied-Lyons, which reported interim figures on Tuesday and gave a warning about a slowdown in the second half, rallied 5p to 472p. Brokers such as Hoare Govett have been urging clients to switch out of Allied and into **Whitbread A**, 3p better at 379p. Allied is reckoned to top the list of buyers for Whitbread's wines and spirits division which is up for sale.

The re-rating of the financial sector continued apace following the recent bids for the **Pearl Group**, down 1p at 687p, and **Morgan Grenfell**, unchanged at 536p.

Among the merchant banks, **Hambros** rose 17p to 255p in the wake of this week's figures. The shares were also responding to the news that Banque Indosuez had sold its 15 per cent stake in Morgan Grenfell and taken a cross-holding in Baltica, the Danish insurance group, which owns 10 per cent of Hambros.

Rises were also seen in **Kleinwort Benson**, 7p to 383p and **SG Warburg**, 9p to 446p. The speculators believe that further bids are on the way.

The life companies saw **Britannic** 28p higher at 577p, **Legal & General** 9p up at 395p, **Lloyds Abbey** 6p dearer at 300p, **London & Manchester** 3p stronger at 341p, **Prudential** 2p higher at 214p, **Refuge** 27p up at 714p and **Sun Life** 10p dearer at £12.65.

The insurance composites were also being targeted in case of a re-rating as well as their bid prospects. Leading the way higher was **Commercial Union**, 10p better at 471p. Sun Alliance continues to hold on to a 14.5 per cent stake. It was closely followed by **General Accident**, 42p to £11.43, **Guardian Royal Exchange**, 12p to 248p (with almost 10 million shares traded on talk of a bid from Europe), **Royal Insurance**, 8p to 498p and **Sun Alliance**, 14p to 319p.

Hopes of a big bid at some stage also continued to drive the property sector higher. **Rosehaugh** touched 500p (a rise of 9p) with the speculators still looking for a bid from Olympia & York, the Canadian group developing Canary Wharf in the East End of London.

Rosehaugh's holding in the City's Broadgate development, which could be up for sale, is regarded as an added attraction

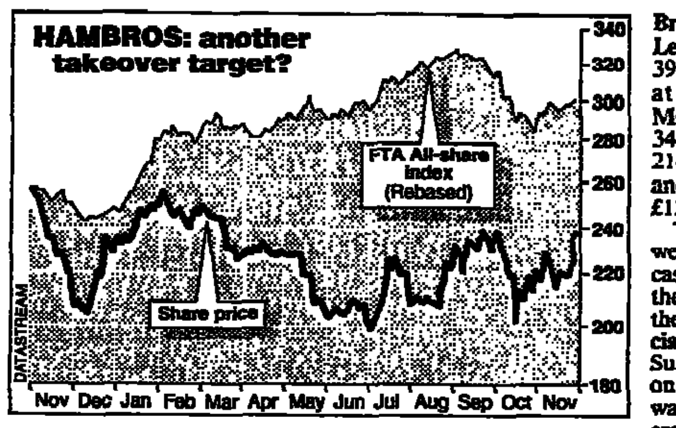
Elsewhere in the sector, rises were also seen in **British Land**, 11p to 325p, **Land Securities**, 8p to 511p, **MEPC**, 6p to 505p and **Cabra Estates**, 2p to 71p.

Lowndes Queensway managed to claw-back some of Tuesday's sharp fall with the price rallying 3¾p to 9p. That compares with Monday's opening price of 14p and last August's rights issue at 20p. Mr James Gulliver, the chairman, has confirmed that he is back in talks with the banks about another refinancing package.

Hestair, the Atlas employment agency which is currently the target of an unwanted bid from Adia, the Swiss company, slipped 2p to 301.

Select Appointments, the USM employment agency, held steady at 98p after reporting interim pre-tax profits up from £2.7 million to £3.2 million.

Michael Clark



Bond may issue new capital to meet debt

Perth (Reuter) – Bond Media, 51.6 per cent-owned by Bond Corporation Holdings, is considering issuing new capital to help meet its Aus$200 million (£100 million) debt to Mr Kerry Packer, the Australian billionaire.

Mr Warren Jones, the chairman, said after the company's annual meeting that the debt represented the redemption due on March 31, 1990, of convertible preference shares in Bond Media issued to Mr Packer when he sold Channel 9, the Australian television network, to Mr Alan Bond for more than Aus$1 billion in 1987. He knew nothing about newspaper reports that Mr Packer was considering a bid for the company.

"We're all aware that where there's smoke sometimes there's fire," he said, adding that Bond Corp and Bond Media had not been approached by Mr Packer.

The debt to Mr Packer would be replaced with quasi-equity or debt, or the issue of new capital. Bond Media had negotiated for Mr Packer to leave part of the Aus$200 million in the company for another year or two, he said.

"All I can say is that negotiations are proceeding."

Negotiations were also continuing with National Australia Bank, the lead bank in an Aus$385 million syndicated bank facility due for repayment on January 31, 1990, by which time, he thought, replacement funding would have been agreed.

Earlier, the chairman told the meeting the company was negotiating with overseas investors to raise funds to meet obligations to Mr Packer

Bond Media was questioned by the Australian Stock Exchange on Tuesday after its shares fell 5 cents to 15 cents. It blamed the drop on newspaper reports about Packer.

Mr Jones said US suppliers had agreed to cut television programming costs, which would help earnings in the second half of this year.

Bond Media lost Aus$2.83 million in 1988-89, but recently said September quarter revenue was up 32 per cent, though it gave no figures.

Mr Jones said Bond Media planned to sell all its radio stations and was talking to a number of interested parties. Talks should be completed early next year.

WALL STREET

	Nov 28	Nov 27
AMR Cp	65%	65%
ASA	55%	55%
Aetna Life	60%	60%
Allied Signal	35%	35%
Alcoa	72%	72%
Amax Inc	23%	24
AMR Hess	44%	45%
Am Brands	72%	71%
Am Cynmd	52%	52%
Am Ele Pwr	30%	30%
Amexs	35%	34%
Am Family	18%	17%
Am Home	105%	104%
Am Int Grp	108%	108%
Am Teleph	43	43%
Amoco	49%	49%
Anheuser B	37%	37
Arch Dan	32%	32%
Armco Steel	10%	10%
Asarco Inc	31%	32%
Ashland Oil	35%	36
Atl Richfld	103%	102%
Avon Prod	36%	36%
Bk Boston	20%	20%
Bank NY	43	43%
Bankamer	28%	29%
Bkrs Tst NY	47%	47%
Baxter	24%	24%
Beth Steel	17	16%
Boeing	58%	58%
Boise Casc	41%	41%
Borden	33%	33
Brist Myr	56%	56%
BP	59%	58%
Broad Inc	11%	11%
Brunswick	14%	14
Burl Nth	28%	28%
CBS	198%	200
Cms Engy	34	34
CPC Int	70%	71%
CSX Cp	33	33%
Camp Soup	48%	48%
Can Pacific	21%	21%
Caterpiller	59	59
Centrl SW	36%	36%
Champion	31%	31%
Chase Man	37%	38%
Chem Bank	32%	32%
Chevron	67%	68%
Chrysler	20%	20%
Citicorp	30%	30%
Clark Eq	36%	35%
Coca Cola	77%	77%
Colgate	62%	62%
Columb Gas	47	47%
Cmb'tn Eng	38%	38%
Cmwlth Ed	38%	38%
Cons Edis	26%	26%
Consol Ng	46%	45%
Cont Data	16%	17
Cornng Inc	41%	41%
Crane	22%	22%
Curties W	57%	n.a
Data Genl	14	13%
Deere Co	60%	59%
Delta Air	68%	68%
Detroit Ed	24%	24%
Digital Eq	88%	87%
Disney	130	130%
Dow Chem	66	n.a
Dresser Ind	43%	43%
Dupont	115%	113%
Duke Pwr	52%	52%
East Kodak	41%	42%
Eaton Cp	55	54%
Emerson El	38%	38%
Entergy	22%	22%
Exxon	47%	46%
Farah Inc	6	5%

	Nov 28	Nov 27
Fedders	13%	13%
Fst Chicago	40	40
Fst Int Bncp	53%	54
Fst Penn C	16%	16%
FT Wachva	41%	40%
Ford Motor	45%	45%
Fost Whlr	19%	19%
GTE Cp	67%	67%
Gen Cp	11%	11%
Gn Dynam	44	44
Gen Electric	61%	61%
Gen Inst	39%	39%
Gen Mills	73%	73
Gen Motors	44	43%
Gen Pub Ut	45%	45%
Genesco	8%	8%
Georgia Pac	49%	47%
Gillette	48%	48
Goodrich	45%	45%
Goodyear	46%	47
Grace Co	29%	29%
Grt Atl Pac	63%	63%
Greyhnd	30%	30%
Gruman	17%	17%
Heinz	32%	33
Hercules	41%	41
Hewlett Pk	43%	44%
Hilton	94%	96%
Hitachi	104%	105
Honda	25	25%
Honeywell	78%	78%
ITT Cp	60%	59%
INCO	28%	28%
Ing Rand Wi	48%	47%
Inland Steel	33%	33%
IBM	96%	99%
Int Paper	52%	52%
Jhsn Jhsn	58%	58%
K Mart	35	34%
Kerr McGee	47%	46%
Kimbrly Clrk	73%	74%
Knight Ridr	51	51%
Kroger	14	14%
LTV Cp	n.a	1%
Litton	n.a	77%
Lockheed	n.a	37%
Lone Star	21%	21%
Man H'nver	36%	36%
Manville	9%	9%
Mapco	37%	36%
Marriott	36%	36%
Mt Marrieta	39%	39%
Masco Cp	25%	25%
Mcdonalds	32%	32%
McDonnell	65%	67
Mead Cp	36%	36%
Merck	78%	78%
Minsta Mng	76%	76%
Mitsub Bk	22%	22%
Mobil	58%	58%
Monsanto	119%	118%
Montedison	n.a	14%
Morgan Jp	43%	44
Motorola	59%	60
NCR	61%	61%
NL Indstrs	22%	22%
Nat Med Ent	38%	37%
Nat Semi	7	7%
Norfolk Sth	37%	37%
NYNEX	82%	83%
Occid Petl	30	29%
Ogden Cp	33	33
Olin Cp	57%	56%
PPG Ind	39%	38%
Pac Enterp	47%	47%
Pac Gas El	21%	21%
Pan Am	2%	2%
Paramt Cm	55%	55%
Penney JC	66%	67%

	Nov 28	Nov 27
Pennzoil	80%	80%
Pepsico	63%	64%
Pfizer	74%	75
Phelps Dod	59%	59%
Phil Morris	41%	41%
Philip Ptri	23%	22%
Polaroid	45%	47
Primerica	29%	29%
Proct Gamb	64%	65%
Pub SE Gr	27%	27%
Raytheon	68%	68%
Rynlds Met	52%	52%
Rockwell Int	21%	21
Royal Dutch	69%	68%
Seacorp	38	38
S Fe Pac Cp	18%	18%
Sara Lee	59%	59%
Schlumb	46%	45%
Scott Paper	51%	51%
Seagram	84%	84%
Sears Roeb	38%	37%
Sec Pac	43	42%
Shell Trans	42%	41%
Sony Cp	57%	58
SW Bell	54%	54%
Squibb	n.a	n.a
Sun Comp	39%	39%
TDK	37	38
TRW Inc	45%	45%
Teledyne	341%	320%
Tenneco	59%	58%
Texaco	54%	53%
Texas Inst	36%	37%
Tex Util	34%	35%
Textron	24%	24%
Timken	27%	27%
Travelers	40	40
UAL Cp	165%	168%
USG Cp	3%	3%
USX Cp	33%	33%
Unilever Plc	43	42%
Un Carbide	24%	24%
Un Pac Cp	73%	73%
Unisys Cp	15	15%
Unit Brand	16%	n.a
Us West	71%	71%
Utd Tech	52%	52%
Unocal	28%	27%
Warn Lamb	114	115
Wells Far	78%	79%
Westg El	74	73%
Weyershr	27	27%
Whirlpool	29%	29%
Whitman Cp	26%	28%
Whitaker	8%	8%
Woolworth	60%	60%
Xerox Cp	57%	57%
Zenith	12%	12%
CANADIAN PRICES		
Agnico Eag	10%	10%
Alcan Alum	25%	25%
Can Pacific	25	24%
Cominco	27	27
Con Bathrst	n.a	n.a
Hawk S Can	25%	25%
Hud Bay M	31%	31%
Imasco	37%	37%
Imperial Oil	60%	60%
Inco	33%	33%
Royl Trstco	17%	17%
Seagram	98%	98%
Shell Can	40%	40%
Stelco	20%	20%
Thmsn N 'A'	16%	16%
Varity Cp	2.60	2.54
WCE	21%	21%
Weston	40%	40%

Dow drops as prime rate rises

New York (Reuter) – The Dow Jones industrial average slipped by 4.27 points to 2,697.74 in early trading.

The move by the Southwest Bank of St Louis to raise its prime lending rate and a report that company profits, after tax, fell by 7.2 per cent in the third quarter of this year weighed on shares.

Traders said that there were also a few, small sell programs. The Southwest Bank raised its prime rate from 10 to 10.5 per cent. Traders also reported that the revised (and improved) gross national product figures did not seem to affect the market.

Mr Ron Doran of First Albany said: "Because of confusion about the strength of the economy, people have a lack of interest in buying."

● **Hong Kong** – The Hang Seng index retreated 8.60 to 2,751.48. The Hong Kong index closed at 1,811.01, down 6.25. Turnover rose to HK$674.24 million (£55.24 million), against Tuesday's HK$635.50 million.

● **Singapore** – The *Straits Times* industrial index rose 6.07 points to 1,410.13. Prices closed firmer, but off their highs on some late profit-taking after brisk trading.

● **Frankfurt** – The DAX index of 30 leading shares rose 11.87 to 1,562.27.

● **Sydney** – The All-Ordinaries index finished 7.1 up at 1,607.5.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	1,127	CU	965	L&G	3,799	Scot & N	385
Abbey Nat	3,970	Cookson	605	Lloyds	2,584	Sears	1,827
Alld-Lyons	2,385	Courtaulds	540	Lloyds Abb	2,844	Sedgwick	990
Amstrad	2,556	Dalgety	320	Lonrho	2,297	Shell	2,936
ASDA	1,322	Dixons	1,574	Lucas	908	Siebe	1,886
AB Foods	386	ECC	357	M&S	2,471	Slough	1,110
Argyll	2,773	Enterprise	974	Maxwell Cm	1,020	Smith & N	4,648
BAA	292	Ferranti	1,616	MB Group	398	SK Beech	2,768
BET	389	Fisons	3,612	MEPC	1,288	Smith WH	225
BTR	1,839	FKI	2,425	Midland	2,560	Smiths Ind	117
BAT	2,422	Gen Acc	985	Nat West	4,149	STC	893
Barclays	2,108	GEC	5,550	Next	14,612	Stan Chart	2,057
Bass	1,096	Glaxo	3,240	Nth Food	9,222	Storehse	1,111
Beazer	1,001	Globe Inv	805	P&O	1,582	Sun Allnce	1,712
Berisfd Intl	457	Glynwed	694	Pearl	349	T & N	121
BICC	873	Granada	617	Pearson	239	TI Group	400
Blue Arrow	179	Grand Met	1,434	Pilkington	1,987	Tarmac	4,547
Blue Circle	2,509	GUS 'A'	59	Polly Peck	2,089	Tate & Lyle	3,448
BOC	807	GRE	9,859	Prudential	4,718	Taylor Wd	1,484
Boots	2,030	GKN	574	Racal	2,234	TSB	4,062
BPB	176	Guinness	1,230	Racal Tele	576	Tesco	3,880
Br Aero	1,635	Hamm 'A'	105	Rk Hovis	1,154	Thorn EMI	991
Br Airways	1,635	Hanson	9,391	Rank	391	Trafalgar	1,587
Br Comm	3,056	H & C	104	R&C	149	THF	1,545
Br Gas	9,730	Hawker	617	Redland	296	Ultramar	3,199
Br Land	644	Hillsdown	1,405	Reed	2,244	Unigate	16
Br Petrol	4,828	IMI	858	Reuters	739	Unilever	1,612
Br Steel	5,379	ICI	2,826	RMC Gp	528	United Bis	281
Br Telecm	4,383	Inchcape	466	RTZ	1,506	Utd News	151
Bunzl	1,690	Jaguar	382	R-Royce	2,346	Wellcome	718
Burmah	632	Kingfisher	1,744	Rothmn 'B'	191	Whitbrd	1,089
Burton	1,391	Lasmo	468	Royal Bank	2,036	Williams	980
C&W	2,699	Ladbroke	1,728	Royal Ins	2,696	Willis Fab	195
Cadbury	1,380	Land Sec	1,041	Saatchi	191	Wimpey G	159
Coats	132	Laporte	5	Sainsbury	1,520		

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Air London (75p)	83
Autos Distinction	18½ –½
Baris Hldgs (142p)	150
Barplats Mines	£155
Bexbuild Dev (50p)	100
Birse Group (120p)	123
Blackland Oil	27
CIA GP (82p)	91
Cambridge Group	65
Cooper Clarke (110p)	96
Drayton Asia Tst (100p)	106
Essex Furniture (50p)	40
Euro Disneyland	909 +1
FBD Hldgs (96p)	95 +2
Hartley Baird	65
Hays New	105 +1
INS Optim Tst	97 +1
JF Philippines	£9¾
Lilly Eli & Co	£42⅝ –¾
Lon Merch Sec Dif	40
Lynx Hldgs (60p)	90
Millwall Hldgs (20p)	21
Partridge Fine (130p)	118 –1
Pendragon	76 –2
Ramsden (Harry) (100p)	112
Regal Hotels	160
Sempernova (40p)	47 –2
Siam Smlr Comp	£10⅞ +⅛
Vardy (Reg) (90p)	77 –1
Wescol Gp	98

RIGHTS ISSUES

Allied Ins N/P	13
CCS N/P	1½
CRT N/P	9
Euro Leis N/P	9 +1
Ingham (George) N/P	35 –15
Inoco N/P	2¼
Optim N/P	4½
Psion N/P	24
WB Inds N/P	4

(Issue price in brackets).

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon	420	60	78	87	3%	7%	13
(*474)	460	28	50	60	14	18	27
	500	11	29	38	38	40	48
ASDA	120	15	21	25	4	6	9
(*130)	130	9	15	20	8	12	14
	140	4%	10	15	14	17	20
Bass	900	105	–	–	7	–	–
(*1003)	950	58	97	125	25	30	40
	1000	28	70	93	48	58	65
Boots	240	32	43	48	2	4	8
(*264)	260	16	30	35	7	11	14
	280	6	19	25	18	21	26
Brit Air	180	32	39	42	1	2%	4%
(*207)	200	14	23	27	4	7	11
	220	5	12	17	16	18	22
Brit Com	80	19	25	28	4%	7	8
(*91)	90	13	18	23	8%	12	15
	100	8	14	17	14	17	20
BP	280	37	45	48	3	6	8
(*310)	300	20	29	34	7	10	14
	330	4%	13	17	21	22	25
Brit Steel	120	8%	13	16	2%	3%	6
(*124)	135	1%	5%	–	12	12	–
	145	1	3	–	22	21	–
C & W	460	44	67	82	12	20	24
(*493)	500	22	45	57	29	38	42
	550	7	24	37	69	72	73
Cons Gold	1450	20	–	–	5	–	–
(*1480)	1500	4	–	–	45	–	–
Com Union	390	92	96	–	2	5	–
(*486)	420	64	72	78	4	8	11
	460	33	41	52	12	19	21
Courtauld	330	35	51	57	6	9	14
(*356)	360	15	31	36	15	19	24
	390	4%	16	22	38	39	42
GKN	360	47	55	65	3	12	14
(*394)	390	25	35	47	13	23	26
	420	11	20	35	30	41	42
Grand Met	500	63	76	95	5	13	18
(*546)	550	25	48	62	20	32	37
	600	9	22	–	55	62	–
ICI	1050	105	129	147	10	30	37
(*1117)	1100	65	92	115	25	50	55
	1150	38	62	87	47	72	80
Jaguar	800	49	50	50	7	7	7
(*834)	850	2	3	3	18	18	18
	900	1	1	1	68	68	68
Kingfisher	260	48	62	65	1%	4%	8
(*300)	280	32	47	49	3%	9	13
	300	17	35	39	11	15	20
Ladbroke	275	27	–	–	5	–	–
(*292)	300	13	25	30	16	20	25
	325	5	–	–	35	–	–
Land Sec	460	62	80	87	2%	7	12
(*509)	500	30	52	60	13	18	25
	550	8	27	35	47	50	52
M & S	180	21	29	32	2%	4	6
(*195)	200	7	16	19	10	12	14
	220	2	7	–	27	27	–
STC	280	8%	17	27	21	27	29
(*284)	300	3%	10	16	37	40	41
	330	1	4%	–	67	70	–
Sainsbury	240	25	35	40	3	4	5
(*259)	260	11	21	26	8	11	13
	280	4	11	16	24	24	26
Shell	390	67	72	89	2	6	10
(*445)	420	41	47	62	6	13	18
	460	15	23	36	21	27	32
Smkl Beech	541	40	–	–	9	–	–
(*584)	600	12	30	–	40	45	–
	650	3	14	–	87	87	–
Storehse	100	20	24	27	2	4%	5%
(*117)	110	12	19	20	4%	7	8
	120	6	12%	15	9	12	14
Trafalgar	300	42	50	–	4	6	–
(*338)	317	23	–	–	8	–	–
	347	9	–	–	27	–	–
Ultramar	300	40	50	62	4	10	13
(*329)	330	20	32	43	13	22	26
	360	7	18	27	37	40	42
Unilever	600	80%	07%	22%	2%	8%	12%
(*679)	650	49	69%	87%	11%	21%	25%
	700	21	42	59%	35%	44%	47%
Utd Bisc	330	35	43	52	6	11	13
(*350)	360	14	27	36	16	24	27
	390	5	13	–	42	43	–
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAA	330	50	63	68	4	6	9
(*366)	360	26	42	48	11	16	20
	390	12	25	33	31	33	34
BAT Ind	700	115	142	170	7	17	20
(*805)	750	77	105	132	19	28	34
	800	47	74	95	40	50	50
BTR	390	55	63	74	7	12	12
(*426)	420	33	46	58	14	22	25
	460	14	25	38	37	44	46
Brit Aero	500	62	63	75	15	26	32
(*520)	550	24	37	50	42	53	58
	600	10	20	–	82	90	–
Brit Tele	240	33	42	50	2	3	4%
(*270)	260	17%	27	33	6	7%	9%
	280	8	16	22	16	17	18
Cadbury	330	30	40	52	12	20	20
(*339)	360	15	27	36	30	38	38
	390	8	17	–	53	55	–
Guinness	550	75	88	103	7	14	16
(*604)	600	40	53	70	20	30	35
	650	17	33	–	52	57	–
GEC	200	21	29	34	6	8	9
(*212)	220	8%	17	23	13	15	17
	240	3	8%	13%	29	30	31
Hanson	200	38	38	40	3	5	6%
(*226)	220	13%	23	27	9	10%	13
	240	4%	12%	18	23	23	26

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
LASMO	460	105	122	135	3	9	10
(*546)	500	70	88	105	10	17	22
	550	35	55	72	27	35	40
P & O	550	41%	58	67%	17%	27%	32
(*584)	600	18%	31	43%	48	55%	58%
	650	6%	16%	–	89%	93	–
Pilkington	200	47	55	–	1%	4	–
(*242)	220	29	40	44	4%	8	10
	240	15	27	30	13	15	18
Plessey	240	–	–	–	%	–	–
(*288)	260	11	–	–	%	–	–
	290	%	%	–	–	–	–
Prudential	180	41	44	47	2	4	5
(*214)	200	24	27	34	5	9	10
	220	11	15	22	13	18	18
Racal	210	46	54	–	3	6	–
(*245)	230	29	41	–	8%	12	–
	250	17	–	–	16	–	–
RTZ	493	62	–	–	7	–	–
(*535)	542	28	–	–	25	–	–
	600	9	20	–	72	72	–
Scot & New	330	40	53	63	14	17	27
(*356)	360	24	40	47	30	34	40
	390	14	27	–	45	52	–
Tesco	160	31%	36%	40%	2	3%	4%
(*188)	180	16	21%	26%	6	8%	9%
	200	6%	12	16%	17%	19%	20%
	Series	Jan	Mar	Jun	Jan	Mar	Jun
Abbey Nat	130	33	35	–	1	2	–
(*159)	140	24	26	30	2	3	4
	160	7%	12	14	6	9	12
	Series	Jan	Mar	May	Jan	Mar	May
Ferranti	45	6	8%	10	3	4	5%
(*47)	50	3%	5	7	5%	7%	8%
	60	1%	2%	3%	14	15	16
Polly Peck	330	53%	64%	73%	4	7%	11%
(*374)	360	30%	43	53%	12%	17%	21
	390	15%	27%	37%	27%	32%	36%
	Series	Dec	Feb	Apr	Dec	Feb	Apr
Reuters	850	00%	25%	41%	2	8%	16
(*943)	900	55%	86%	04%	6%	19%	29%
	950	23	56	75%	25%	39%	49%
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad	35	8	11	13	2	4	5%
(*40)	40	5	8	10	4	6	7%
	45	2%	6	7%	7	9	11
Barclays	460	88	103	106	1%	7	9
(*544)	500	48	68	76	4	15	18
	550	11	30	45	17	32	35
Blue Circ	200	19	29	31	2	6	11
(*213)	220	6%	18	20	12	15	22
	250	2	5%	–	39	39	–
Brit Gas	180	32	34	42	%	2	3%
(*211)	200	12%	18%	27	1%	7%	10
	220	1%	7	15	11	14	17
Dixons	100	7%	13	19	3	6	10
(*105)	110	4	9	13	8	11	14
	120	1%	6	12	16	20	21
Glaxo	700	62	92	114	3	12	18
(*753)	725	38	74	95	8	19	27
	750	22	55	79	20	30	37
	775	10	40	64	35	42	50
Hawker	800	40	75	90	12	23	35
(*827)	850	15	43	57	37	47	50
	700	2	23	38	83	85	90
	750	1	15	23	133	133	135
Hillsdown	260	8	22	29	9	15	18
(*258)	280	3	13	19	25	27	28
	300	1%	7	13	46	46	46
Lonrho	240	42	48	53	2	7	10
(*279)	257	26	–	–	4	–	–
	283	8	–	–	14	–	–
Midland	300	60	68	68	1	5	9
(*357)	329	31	–	–	3	–	–
	360	9	24	31	14	27	30
R-Royce	160	8	16	19%	3%	7	10
(*183)	180	1%	7	10%	18	18%	22
	200	1	3	6	38	38	38
Sears	100	9%	14%	15%	2	4	6
(*106)	110	2%	9	10%	5%	8	10
	120	1	5	7	15	15	15
THF	260	31	44	48	1%	5%	9
(*287)	280	14	29	35	5	12	19
	300	4	17%	25	17	21	27
Thorn EMI	700	50	82	109	5	20	24
(*749)	750	16	49	78	22	38	46
	800	5	29	52	62	70	76
TSB	100	22	24	27	1	1	2
(*120)	110	12%	16	19	2	3%	4
	120	3%	8	12	4	6	8
Vaal Reefs	90	14	18	23	2	8	10
(*$100)	100	7	13	18	6	12	15
	110	4	9	14	12	19	21
Wellcome	650	90	120	145	3	15	24
(*731)	700	47	82	112	13	30	39
	750	17	55	85	37	50	59

FT-SE INDEX (*2275)

	2100	2150	2200	2250	2300	2350
Calls						
Nov	155	105	55	9	%	%
Dec	178	132	90	57	34	19
Jan	210	165	128	89	67	45
Feb	223	183	142	123	85	60
Jun	288	–	217	–	170	–
Puts						
Nov	%	1	1%	6	52	105
Dec	15	22	34	63	82	117
Jan	28	38	53	75	103	131
Feb	41	52	61	86	107	149
Jun	63	–	94	–	138	–

November 29, 1989 Total: 27837 Calls 18750 Puts 9087 FT-SE: Calls 6812 Puts 5380
*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 20	December 1	February 22	March 5

Call options were taken out on: 29/11/89 Ryan Hotels, Blenheim Exhibitions, Astra Holdings, Rosehaugh, Tuskar, Leisure Investment, British & Commonwealth, Aviva Petroleum, Ferranti.
Put & Call: London Securities.

Brittan plans to widen insurance competition

From Peter Guilford
Brussels

The European Commission is to launch a strategy for the European insurance market after 1992, removing national restrictions and enabling companies to sell their services throughout the Community without needing clearance in each country.

The move marks the growing determination of Sir Leon Brittan, Commissioner for Financial Services, to prise open the EC's restricted insurance market and improve customer choice.

Britain's insurance sector is arguably the most competitive, and is expected to benefit most. Other more protected insurance markets, such as those in West Germany, Spain and Greece, may find the measures harder to digest.

"I want to press on as fast as I possibly can with the creation of a true single market in this traditionally fragmented sector," Sir Leon told insurance experts in Brussels.

Two "framework" directives will be unveiled in the new year, which when agreed by national governments will enable insurance companies to sell their products in the EC after receiving authorization from the country where their head office is located.

He gave a warning that it was crucial to maintain prudential standards and insure that policyholders were guaranteed adequate protection, but this should not be at the expense of greater competition and flexibility.

Sir Leon said that he is unlikely to tolerate efforts by national governments to delay talks on insurance brokerage.

The Commission has proposed extending the freedoms of the directive to cover a range of group arrangements offered by insurance firms, such as private or complementary group pension schemes, in addition to individual life policies.

This would exclude pensions required by national social insurance rules.



Determined to open up insurance market: Sir Leon Brittan

Ronald Li HK court charges are halved

Hong Kong (Reuter) – A court here agreed yesterday to consolidate a list of corruption charges against Mr Ronald Li, the former chairman of the Stock Exchange, his son and seven former exchange officials.

Mr Michael Kalisher, the prosecutor, applied to halve the number of charges and simplify remaining ones against the nine to make the case easier for a jury.

Mr Li and five of his former colleagues now jointly face six charges of graft stemming from alleged Stock Exchange fraud while two former officials face five of the charges.

Alfred, Mr Li's son and a solicitor, is charged with two counts of aiding or abetting the former officials.

The case was adjourned until January 17. Mr Li was arrested in January, 1988.

The charges stem from his term at the helm of the exchange and investigations after a closure of the exchange for four days during the worldwide stock market crash in October, 1987.

The judge extended bail for all nine defendants.

said the hearing could not resume before mid-January because Mr Li was making an application to quash three separate other bribery charges.

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European heavyweights jostle for position in state sell-off

British Steel sights on Turkey

From Derek Harris
Industrial Editor
Istanbul

British Steel is eyeing a likely steel privatization in Turkey where another possible sell-off by the state may involve some petro-chemical interests.

The British company, which has been looking for expansion opportunities abroad, is not alone in showing an interest in the Turkish government's likely sale of substantial stakes in the bigger of several state-owned iron and steel complexes. There have also been other approaches, including ones from France and West Germany, according to banking sources here.

The earliest steel sell-off is expected to be of a fully integrated plant, Eregli Demir Celik. There is one other substantial iron and steel plant, Ifkendrum, but the sale of this is expected later.

For Eregli, which produces about 200 million tonnes of steel a year, merchant banks are already starting to look to tendering. What will make the sell-off process easier is that it is already a quoted company although only about 3 per cent of its shares have been on public offer. Possibly half the equity value of Eregli will be on offer in the privatization move, bankers believe.

One estimate of the plant's underlying value is US$1 billion (£640 million) but because of effects of inflation – still more than 60 per cent a year in Turkey – foreign companies buying stakes in Turkish businesses tend to be able to move in at favourable if not bargain prices. The Eregli sale is thought to be a year to 18 months away.

Cement making, Turkey's other main industrial enterprise, has seen a partial sell-off to a French consortium, Société de Ciment, for about $120 million.

There are many doubts whether Turkey will be successful in its negotiations to secure membership of the EEC, especially now that some Eastern Bloc countries begin to look more likely mainstream European recruits. But there is a growing realization in Turkey that to meet the competition of the coming single European market its industries will need modern processes and greater efficiency even though its labour costs are so low.

So more foreign involvement is being welcomed not only as a source of technological expertise but also for injections of much-needed capital investment. With interest rates here still close to 90 per cent, against 140 per cent last year, it is difficult with any commercial realism to raise cash for fixed investment within the country.

At the Istanbul operation of Standard Chartered Bank, Mr Rajah Banerjee, deputy chief executive, said: "Know-how and capital investment will come mainly from abroad." He believes a recent deal involving Britain's Castrol, an offshoot of Burmah, demonstrates a likely trend. The deal, worth about $20 million, brought Castrol 50 per cent of Türkpetrol, an oil products manufacturer which had been privately owned.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt/Fixed	108.3	114.9c	..	8.70
High Inc Equity	133.1	141.7e	..	4.45
W'wide Bond	207.7	220.0e	..	4.82
Amer Growth	209.6	223.0	..	0.85
Asian Pacific	121.2	129.0c	..	1.01
Assets/Earns	152.0	162.5e	..	2.28
Capit Res	87.89	87.93	..	4.55
Comm/Energy	120.8	128.7	..	1.48
Euro Capit	99.26	105.6	..	0.71
General	174.8	187.0	..	2.67
Japan	131.1	139.5	..	0.00
UK Gth Inc	115.7	123.8e	..	2.26
Do Acc	176.3	187.5e	..	1.48
US Emerg Cos	57.63	61.31	..	0.00
Income/Gth	301.3	320.6e	..	3.20
Mastertst Acc	83.30	88.75	..	1.70
Amer Inc	58.85	62.48	..	4.53
Ethical	47.40	50.43	..	1.98
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580				
30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ Tel: 01-374 6801				
Am Inc/Gth	34.24	36.56e	+0.15	2.50
Euro	76.78	81.83	+0.77	0.00
Euro Inc	73.88	78.87e	+0.88	2.21
Exmpt	759.6	790.0	+4.8	1.75
Extra Inc	42.76	45.66c	+0.45	4.40
F/E Emerg Ec	64.48	68.08	+0.20	0.13
Invest	131.7	140.6	+3.3	1.76
Do Acc	206.5	220.5	+5.3	1.77
Gt/Fxd Interest	21.15	22.58c	+0.03	11.01
Inc Growth	70.12	74.86e	+0.65	3.77
Intl Inc	67.91	72.49e	+0.69	4.49
Jap & Genrl	226.9	242.2	+0.4	0.00
Pacific	467.0	500.2	+0.7	0.08
Secure Inc	192.2	205.2e	+1.3	5.76
Smlr Cos	54.00	57.64	+0.25	2.26
Spec Sits	67.68	72.25e	+0.50	1.05
UK Growth	36.62	39.10e	+0.32	2.10
World Gth	56.01	59.79e	+0.33	0.00
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL. Tel: 0793 514514 dealing 0793 610366				
High Inc	340.1	362.1	+5.3	4.33
Equity Inc	189.0	201.2	+0.9	4.86
High Yield	199.9	212.8e	+3.1	4.64
Balanced	476.5	507.5c	+3.3	3.21
Am Inc	37.22	39.63	-0.04	2.90
World Ass Val	37.53	39.98	+0.16	0.85
Japan	188.6	200.4	+1.5	0.01
Sec of Am	289.9	297.1e	-0.1	0.30
Asset Value	368.4	392.3e	+4.4	2.93
O'seas Earn	249.8	266.0c	+3.2	3.05
Recov	107.7	114.7e	+1.4	2.19
UK Spec Sits	285.7	304.2	+4.8	2.65
Smlr Cos	168.6	177.8	+0.3	2.58
Capit	283.8	302.0	+3.4	2.38
Am Spec Sit	86.62	92.22	-0.06	1.49
Intl	114.4	121.8	+0.3	0.73
Growth/Inc	168.7	179.6	+0.7	3.76
Euro Gth	25.21	26.84	+0.21	1.08
Pacific	303.1	322.8	+1.1	0.07
2nd Smlr Co	165.6	176.3	+0.2	1.89
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Capit	89.94	95.94	+0.75	3.50
Euro Gth Inc	96.94	103.4	+1.17	1.24
Extra Inc	100.2	106.9e	+0.8	5.73
General	191.3	204.0	+1.1	3.82
Gt/Fxd Income	48.18	50.83e	-0.18	10.66
Inc Trust	442.8	472.4	+2.7	4.77
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 01-658 9002				
Am Sm Cos	61.38	65.12	-0.13	1.10
Australia	70.98	75.51e	-0.53	1.50
Convertible	48.57	51.83	+0.23	7.20
East	131.6	140.3	+0.6	1.20
Equity Inc	73.78	78.28e	+0.61	6.50
Euro Gth	180.9	191.9	+1.2	1.40
Euro Smlr Cos	184.5	195.7c	+1.8	0.30
Exmpt	88.10	89.48	+1.78	3.50
Growth/Inc	90.29	93.56	+0.50	2.70
Do Acc	145.7	150.9	+0.9	2.70
Global Gth	79.54	84.39e	+0.24	0.10
Jap Spec	200.6	213.4	+0.5	0.00
Jap Sunrise	184.8	196.5	+0.2	0.00
1st N Am	82.29	88.09	+0.05	1.70
UK Growth	66.55	70.60	+0.37	2.90
UK Smlr Cos	87.04	92.34e	-0.01	2.20
Select Man Fd	56.02	59.43	+0.25	1.00
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				
Financial	145.5	156.0	+2.5	3.94
Smlr Cos Acc	295.0	315.8e	+1.3	0.90
Do Inc	183.2	197.9e	+0.8	1.28
High Inc	82.34	88.69	+0.88	5.80
Income	102.6	110.4e	+1.6	5.34
Man Portf Inc	89.20	95.44	+0.39	2.64
Do Acc	155.7	166.6	+0.7	2.20
Nth Amer	66.51	71.15	+0.34	0.38
Orient	139.2	149.6e	+0.4	0.33
Exmpt	283.7	310.3e	+1.7	2.78
Recov	58.72	63.50e	-0.33	3.80
German	35.57	38.12e	+0.29	0.60
Intl Recov	31.67	34.05e	+0.01	2.89
Europa	22.20	23.91	+0.18	2.40
Conv Genrl	23.35	25.10c	+0.10	7.60
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
First Floor 80 Cannon St London EC4N 6HH Tel: 01-588 2868 01-629 5318 Fax 01 283 0407				
Emer Gth Inc	58.76	62.14	+0.14	2.91
Do Acc	60.10	63.56	+0.15	2.91
Fellowship Inc	63.54	67.42	-0.24	2.60
Genrl Inc 4	284.4	301.8e	+1.7	3.11
Do Acc 4	487.4	517.1	+3.1	3.11
Inc Fond 3	157.3	166.9e	+0.7	4.81
Do Acc 3	311.9	330.9	+0.7	4.81
Intl Inc 2	119.8	126.7	+0.5	1.67
Do Acc 2	164.8	174.3	+0.8	1.67
Smlr Inc 5	102.5	108.4	-0.1	2.30
Do Acc	112.7	119.2	-0.1	2.30
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 01-480 7216				
Sht Gt Fxd Int	54.94	55.73	..	2.83
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876				
Growth	37.53	40.14a	+0.31	2.55
Income	47.72	51.04a	+0.40	4.08
Far East	42.69	45.41a	+0.12	0.05
Nth Amer	41.77	44.67a	-0.24	1.61
Global	59.84	63.77	+0.23	1.54
European	65.03	69.18	-0.27	0.78
Japan	125.2	133.9	+0.4	0.01
Strategic Opp	50.63	54.15	+0.28	1.34
Do Acc	53.49	56.50e	+0.08	5.40
Intl Currency	45.26	47.97e	-0.08	8.25

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THIRD MARKET

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 86.0 (day's range 85.8-86.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for November 29

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.5620-1.5685	1.5675-1.5685	0.87-0.85pr	2.52-2.50pr
Montrl	1.8213-1.8277	1.8250-1.8277	0.40-0.37pr	0.90-0.81pr
Amstrdm	3.1310-3.1515	3.1479-3.1515	1¼-1⅛pr	5¼-4⅞pr
Brussels	58.23-58.69	58.49-58.69	24-22pr	77-73pr
Copnhgn	10.7813-10.8440	10.8214-10.8440	2⅝-2⅛pr	8⅜-7⅝pr
Dublin	1.0543-1.0571	1.0559-1.0569	42-37pr	98-85pr
Frankft	2.7746-2.7937	2.7903-2.7937	1⅛-1⅛pr	4⅜-4⅛pr
Lisbon	242.73-247.22	243.28-244.22	2pr-45ds	103-213ds
Madrid	179.30-180.44	179.91-180.44	8pr-1ds	9pr-3ds
Milan	2051.30-2062.83	2058.38-2062.83	4-2pr	10-8pr
Oslo	10.6141-10.6794	10.6569-10.6794	2⅝-2⅛pr	7⅞-7⅜pr
Paris	9.4767-9.5304	9.5165-9.5304	3⅝-3⅜pr	10⅝-10pr
Stckhlm	9.9249-10.0086	9.9926-10.0086	2⅝-2⅛pr	7⅞-7⅜pr
Tokyo	223.07-224.58	223.07-223.37	1⅝-1½pr	4⅝-4½pr
Vienna	19.5430-19.6251	19.5969-19.6251	10⅝-9⅝pr	30⅝-28⅝pr
Zurich	2.4758-2.4908	2.4876-2.4908	1⅝-1½pr	4⅝-4½pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1016.47-1024.62
Australia dollar	2.0011-2.0050
Bahrain dinar	0.5845-0.5925
Brazil cruzado*	10.8069-10.8672
Cyprus pound	0.76-0.77
Finland marka	6.5290-6.5950
Greece drachma	253.40-258.60
Hong Kong dollar	12.2168-12.2263
India rupee	26.35-26.65
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4600-0.4680
Malaysia ringgit	4.2253-4.2297
Mexico peso	4150-4250
New Zealand dollar	2.6500-2.6585
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8140-5.8960
Singapore dollar	3.0503-3.0540
S Africa rand (fin)	6.1054-6.2311
S Africa rand (com)	4.0619-4.0693
U A E dirham	5.6925-5.7725

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4805-1.4820	Denmark	6.9025-6.9075	Italy	1313.5-1314.5
Singapore	1.9510-1.9520	W Germany	1.7833-1.7840	Belgium (Com)	37.42-37.45
Malaysia	2.7025-2.7035	Switzerland	1.5905-1.5915	Hong Kong	7.8138-7.8148
Australia	1.2799-1.2815	Netherlands	2.0103-2.0113	Portugal	155.00-155.20
Canada	1.1660-1.1670	France	6.0825-6.0875	Spain	114.85-114.95
Sweden	6.3750-6.3800	Japan	143.20-143.30	Austria	12.50-12.51
Norway	6.8075-6.8125				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 15 Finance Hse 15
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 14¾ Low 9 Week fixed: 14¾
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 14$^{25}/_{32}$ 3 mth – 14$^{21}/_{32}$
Selling: 2 mth – 14$^{23}/_{32}$ 3 mth – 14$^{17}/_{32}$
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 14$^{29}/_{32}$-$^{27}/_{32}$ 2 mth: 14$^{13}/_{16}$-14¾ 3 mth: 14$^{11}/_{16}$-$^{9}/_{16}$ 6 mth 14$^{1}/_{16}$-14
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 15$^{13}/_{32}$ 2 mth: 15$^{7}/_{16}$ 3 mth: 15$^{3}/_{16}$ 6 mth 14$^{11}/_{16}$
Interbank (%): Overnight: open 15 close 7 1 week: 15-14¾ 1 mth: 15$^{1}/_{16}$-15⅛ 3 mth: 15⅛-15$^{1}/_{16}$ 6 mth: 15$^{3}/_{16}$-$^{1}/_{16}$ 9 mth: 14$^{15}/_{16}$-14¾ 12 mth: 14¾-14⅝
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 14⅞ 7 day: 14⅞ 1 mth: 15 3 mth: 15$^{3}/_{16}$ 6 mth: 15⅛ 12 mth: 14$^{11}/_{16}$
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 15⅛-15 3 mth: 15$^{3}/_{16}$-$^{1}/_{16}$ 6 mth: 15$^{1}/_{16}$-15 12 mth 14¾-14⅝
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.67-8.62 3 mth: 8.43-8.38 6 mth: 8.20-8.15 12 mth 8.17-8.12
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 15⅛-15 2 mth: 15⅛-15⅛ 3 mth: 15⅛-15⅛ 6 mth: 15⅛-15 9 mth: 14⅞-14⅝ 12 mth: 14$^{11}/_{16}$-⅝

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 31, 1989. Agreed rates Nov 26, 1989 to Dec 25, 1989. Scheme I: 15.66 per cent. Schemes II & III: 16.22 per cent. Reference rate Sept 30, 1989 to Oct 31, 1989. Scheme IV & V: 15.094 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8⅝-8⅜	8$^{11}/_{16}$-8$^{9}/_{16}$	8$^{7}/_{16}$-8$^{5}/_{16}$	8¼-8⅛
Call: 8⅛-7⅞				
Deutschemark:	7⅞-7⅝	8$^{3}/_{16}$-8$^{1}/_{16}$	8⅜-8¼	8$^{9}/_{16}$-8$^{7}/_{16}$
Call: 7⅞-6⅞				
French Franc:	10⅝-10⅜	10⅝-10⅜	10⅝-10⅜	10$^{11}/_{16}$-$^{9}/_{16}$
Call: 10-9				
Swiss Franc:	7⅞-6⅞	7$^{11}/_{16}$-7$^{9}/_{16}$	7⅞-7⅜	7⅞-7⅜
Call: 7⅛-6⅞				
Yen:	6⅛-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞	6$^{13}/_{16}$-$^{11}/_{16}$	6$^{13}/_{16}$-$^{11}/_{16}$
Call: 6-5				

GOLD BULLION (Per ounce)

Open: $412.00-412.50 Close: $412.00-412.50
High: $412.50-413.00 Low: $408.25-408.75

GOLD COINS (Per coin, Ex VAT)

Britannia: $420.00-425.00 (£268.00-271.00)
Krugerrand: $411.00-414.00 (£262.50-264.50)
Mapleleaf (1/1oz): $420.00-425.00 (£268.00-271.00)
American Eagles: $420.00-425.00 (£268.00-271.00)
New Sovereigns: $97.00-99.00 (£62.00-63.00)
Old Sovereigns: $97.00-99.00 (£62.00-63.00)

PRECIOUS METALS

Platinum per fix: $515.65 (£329.50)
Palladium per fix: $138.75 (£88.65)
Spot Silver: $5.64-5.66 (£3.600-3.615)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 34077		
Dec 89	2255.0	2276.0	2250.0	2259.0	5443
Mar 90	2302.0	2313.0	2298.0	2301.0	783
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 137751		
Dec 89	84.83	84.83	84.77	84.81	7289
Mar 90	85.58	85.64	85.55	85.61	26195
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 45267		
Dec 89	91.81	91.83	91.81	91.82	2037
Mar 90	92.13	92.16	92.11	92.15	3088
Three Month Euro DM			Previous open interest 30089		
Dec 89	91.75	91.76	91.72	91.72	2525
Mar 90	91.70	91.72	91.69	91.69	2075
Three month ECU			Previous open interest 1038		
Dec 89	89.11	89.15	89.11	89.13	55
Mar 90	89.44	89.44	89.39	89.42	284
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 7019		
Dec 89	99-08	99-11	99-02	99-05	3884
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 32850		
Dec 89	90-08	90-09	89-27	90-01	15019
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 1092		
Dec 89	103.78	104.12	103.78	104.10	49
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 38560		
Dec 89	90.60	90.64	90.27	90.39	29537
Mar 90	90.60	90.65	90.46	90.58	4007

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

Crude oil prices were marginally weaker as the trade was still disappointed with the Opec accord. All products were stable to slightly weaker on the light ends in very thin trading.

LONDON FOX

COCOA — AMT Futures: Dec 647-645, Mar 645-644, May 658-657, Jul 671-670; Sep 687-686, Dec 710-709, Mar 729-727, Vol 7214
COFFEE — AMT Futures: Nov 684-682, Jan 682-681, Mar 682-681, May 700-698; Jul 725-718, Sep 739-737, Nov 758-750, Vol 2822
SUGAR — C Czarnikow: FOB Vol: 8245; Dec 307.4-00.2, Mar 311.8-11.6, May 309.8-09.8; Aug 305.2-04.8, Oct 298.0-97.4, Dec 298.0-86.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 223: Ja 114.60 Mr 117.90 My 121.10 Jn 122.50 Sp 105.15 Nv 108.00
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 10: Ja 110.60 Mr 113.80 My 115.45 Sp 102.30 Nv 105.25
SOYABEAN — AMT Futures: Feb 145.5-46.5, Apr 144.0-45.0, Jun 139.5-41.0; Aug 137.5-39.5, Oct 137.0-41.0, Dec 139.0-44.0, Vol 5

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day — Rudolf Wolff

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1623.0-1624.0	1632.0-1633.0	438450	Firmer
Lead	425.00-426.00	425.00-426.00	65950	Steady
Zinc Hi Gde*	1380.0-1390.0	1325.0-1330.0	19600	Quiet
Zinc Spec Hi*	1410.0-1412.0	1355.0-1360.0	134975	Firmer
Tin*	6430-6450	6595-6600	4635	Steady
Aluminium Hi*	1737.0-1740.0	1724.0-1726.0	163675	Steadier
Nickel*	9150-9200	8575-8600	9696	Steady

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (£/kg)

Live Pig Contract	Open	Close
Feb	110.8	109.8
Apr	110.6	110.4
Jun	111.3	110.8
Aug	110.0	110.0
Live Cattle Contract		
Jan	115.5	115.5
Feb	116.5	116.5
Apr	118.5	118.5

Vol Pig-10 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on November 29

(£kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	88.70	204.51	112.17
GB (+/-)	-2.65	*+0.83	-0.30
Eng/Wal (%)	-4.1	+2.2	-1.5
Eng/Wal (p)	88.70	206.58	112.40
Eng/Wal (+/-)	-2.65	+2.33	-0.02
Scotland (%)	n/a	+0.80	-4.40
Scotland (p)	n/a	199.31	111.11
Scotland (+/-)	n/a	-2.95	-1.61

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	150.0	150.0
Apr	215.0	213.0
May	241.0	238.4
Nov	97.0	97.0

Vol 415

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL AMT Futures: Dec 185.00-84.75; Jan 179.25-79.00; Feb 173.00-72.75; Mar 167.50-67.00; Apr 161.50-61.25; May 158.25-57.50; Jun 157.00-54.50; Vol 8115
BRENT AMT Futures: Jan 18.06-18.08; Feb 17.87-17.84; Vol 10830

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Nov 89 Hi 1666-1666 Low Close 1666
Dec 89 Hi 1640-1625 Low Close 1628
Jan 90 Hi 1660-1645 Low Close 1646
Apr 90 Hi 1670-1652 Low Close 1654
Vol 566 lots Open interest 6381
Dry cargo index 1666 -5 on 28/11/89

The Directors of the Company, whose names appear under the heading "Directors, Manager and Advisers", accept responsibility for the information contained in this document. To the best of their knowledge and belief (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

A copy of this document, which comprises listing particulars relating to the Company in accordance with the Listing Rules made under Section 142 of the Financial Services Act 1986, has been delivered to the Registrar of Companies for registration in accordance with Section 149 of that Act.

Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for all the Ordinary Shares and Warrants now being offered for subscription to be admitted to the Official List. Action has been taken to obtain a listing for the Ordinary Shares and Warrants on the Stockholm Stock Exchange Unregistered Securities List (O-Listan).

ANGLO SCANDINAVIAN INVESTMENT TRUST PLC

(Incorporated and registered in England under the Companies Act 1985, No. 2386509)

OFFER FOR SUBSCRIPTION

sponsored in the United Kingdom by
J.S. Gadd & Co. Limited
and
sponsored in Sweden by
Skånska Banken and
Merchant, Grundström & Partners Fondkommission AB
and in Denmark by
Bikuben Børs A/S
of
20,000,000 Ordinary Shares of 25p each
at 100p per Ordinary Share payable in full on application
with one warrant for every five Ordinary Shares

underwritten by J.S. Gadd & Co. Limited

Share Capital

Authorised		Issued and to be issued fully paid
£8,000,000	Ordinary Shares of 25p each	£5,000,000

Indebtedness

As at the date of this document, the Company has no loan capital, including term loans, outstanding or created but unissued, nor any outstanding mortgages, charges, debentures or other borrowings or indebtedness in the nature of borrowings, including bank overdrafts, liabilities under acceptances or acceptance credits, hire purchase commitments or obligations under finance leases, guarantees or other material contingent liabilities.

The application list will open at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 29th November 1989 and will close at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 13th December 1989. The Ordinary Shares and Warrants are expected to be admitted to the Official List and dealings in Ordinary Shares and Warrants are expected to commence on Thursday 21st December 1989. The Ordinary Shares and Warrants are to be dealt in separately.

TIMETABLE

Latest time for receipt of Application Forms	– 10.00 a.m. on 13th December 1989
Basis of allocation expected to be announced by	– 10.00 a.m. on 18th December 1989
Despatch of definitive Ordinary Share Certificates and Warrant Certificates	– 20th December 1989
Dealings on The Stock Exchange and the Stockholm Stock Exchange expected to commence in Ordinary Shares and Warrants separately	– 21st December 1989
First dividend expected to be paid	– 29th June 1990

SUMMARY

The information set out below should be read in conjunction with the full text of this document, from which is it derived:

Objectives and Investment Policies

Anglo Scandinavian Investment Trust PLC has been formed to provide investors, particularly in the UK and Scandinavia, with an opportunity to invest in a broad range of underlying securities.

The objectives of the Company are:

- to provide a high yield for investors of approximately 6 per cent. including the associated tax credit. This exceeds the average gross dividend yield on both the British and the Nordic stock markets. The gross dividend yield on the Financial Times-Actuaries All-Share Index was 4.53 per cent on 21st November 1989, and the FT-Actuaries World Index on the same date showed gross dividend yields of 2.16 per cent in Sweden, 1.44 per cent in Denmark, 2.62 per cent in Finland and 1.65 per cent in Norway. This yield will be achieved through investment of part of the portfolio in the UK, and where appropriate other international markets, in quoted securities and their derivatives, such as warrants and convertible securities and, in particular, traded options;
- to provide capital growth for investors by investing in other quoted investment trusts where the shares are trading at an attractive discount to their net assets and where, as a result, the Directors consider that such trusts are vulnerable to being taken over, reorganised or wound up, in which case existing shareholders have the potential for realising asset value;
- to reduce the overall risk for investors by investing in other investment trusts, each with their own diversified portfolio of securities.

Listings

Application has been made for the Ordinary Shares and Warrants to be listed on The Stock Exchange. Action has also been taken to obtain a listing for the Ordinary Shares and Warrants on the Stockholm Stock Exchange Unregistered Securities List. The Directors intend in due course to take steps for listing the Ordinary Shares and Warrants on the Copenhagen Stock Exchange.

Dividends

Dividends will be paid on the last business days of June and December. The first dividend will be paid on 29th June 1990.

The Directors are forecasting, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, total dividends of not less than 3.38p per Ordinary Share net in respect of the period ending 30th September 1990. This will give a gross yield to subscribers of 6 per cent on an annual basis on the offer price of 100p per Ordinary Share.

Firm Applications

The Directors are aware of intended applications for Ordinary Shares (with Warrants) which the Company will accept in full and which will represent approximately 52 per cent of the issued Ordinary Shares (with Warrants) following the Offer.

Warrants

Successful applicants will receive one Warrant for every five Ordinary Shares registered in their names. Each Warrant carries the right to subscribe for one Ordinary Share at a price of 100p on 2nd January in any of the years 1994 to 1997 inclusive.

DEFINITIONS

In this document the following words and expressions shall bear the following meanings, except where the context otherwise requires:

"Application Form"	the application form attached hereto for use in connection with the Offer
"the Company"	Anglo Scandinavian Investment Trust PLC
"Directors"	the Directors of the Company whose names are set out under the heading "Directors, Manager and Advisers"
"Listing Particulars"	these listing particulars relating to the Company dated 29th November 1989
"the Manager"	SG Investment Management Limited
"J.S. Gadd"	J.S. Gadd & Co. Limited
"the Offer Price"	100p per Ordinary Share
"the Offer"	the Offer for Subscription of 20,000,000 Ordinary Shares (with Warrants) set out in this document
"Ordinary Share"	an Ordinary Share of 25p of the Company
"Shareholders"	holders of Ordinary Shares
"The Stock Exchange"	The International Stock Exchange of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland Limited
"Warrant"	a Warrant to subscribe for one Ordinary Share on the terms, and subject to the conditions, set out in Part 2 of this document
"Warrantholders"	holders of Warrants

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PART 1

INTRODUCTION

Anglo Scandinavian Investment Trust PLC has been formed to provide investors, particularly in the UK and Scandinavia, with an opportunity to invest in a broad range of underlying securities. The principal UK equity investment alternatives to investment trusts for Scandinavian private investors are either to invest in unit trusts or in individual equities. Investment in the former is expensive to make and their performance over the past ten years has been on average consistently worse than that of investment trusts. This is in part due to their higher management fees. Investment by the overseas investor in individual UK equities requires substantial capital in order to provide portfolio diversification and access to research capability. The Directors believe that the Company, as a UK investment trust, will offer investors a number of advantages:

- as a result of its capital structure, it will be able to take a long-term view of its investments;
- capital gains made by the Company will be free of United Kingdom Corporation tax (see "Taxation" below);
- the Company will have the ability to borrow, when appropriate.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Company are:

- to provide a high yield for investors of approximately 6 per cent including the associated tax credit. This exceeds the average gross dividend yield on both the British and the Nordic stock markets. The gross dividend yield on the Financial Times-Actuaries All-Share Index was 4.53 per cent on 21st November 1989, and the FT-Actuaries World Index on the same date showed gross dividend yields of 2.16 per cent in Sweden, 1.44 per cent in Denmark, 2.62 per cent in Finland and 1.65 per cent in Norway. This yield will be achieved through investment of part of the portfolio in the UK, and where appropriate other international markets, in quoted securities and their derivatives, such as warrants and convertible securities and, in particular, traded options;
- to provide capital growth to investors by investing in other quoted investment trusts where the shares are trading at an attractive discount to their net assets and where, as a result, the Directors consider that such trusts are vulnerable to being taken over, reorganised or wound up, in which case existing shareholders have the potential for realising asset value;
- to reduce the overall risk by investing in other investment trusts, each with their own diversified portfolio of securities.

LISTINGS

Application has been made for the Ordinary Shares and Warrants to be listed on The Stock Exchange. Action has also been taken to obtain a listing for the Ordinary Shares and Warrants on the Stockholm Stock Exchange Unregistered Securities List. The Directors intend in due course to take steps for listing the Ordinary Shares and Warrants on the Copenhagen Stock Exchange.

INVESTMENT BACKGROUND

There are currently some 200 different investment trusts quoted on The Stock Exchange with total assets of approximately £18 billion. Investment trusts range from those which specialise in particular markets or sectors to more broadly based funds. Some are entirely invested in UK shares, while others are geographically diversified or centered on specific foreign markets.

The shares of most investment trusts trade on The Stock Exchange at a discount to underlying net asset value. The average discount is currently around 17 per cent, as reported by Consortium Investment Trust Service, but the shares of some trusts trade at discounts up to 40 per cent. There are a variety of reasons for the existence of the discount to net asset value and the discount at which the shares of each investment trust may trade will depend on that trust's particular circumstances. However, there does appear to be a strong link between the level of discount and the yield offered by the trust in question and the length of its life. The shares of investment trusts which offer high yields and which have limited lives have tended recently to trade at a low discount or even at a premium.

The average growth in the value of shares of investment trusts listed on The Stock Exchange over the past one, five and ten year periods has been:

	One year	Five years	Ten years
Investment trusts	22.9%	145.2%	762.1%
UK retail prices	7.6%	29.4%	197.3%
FTA-All share index	15.6%	130.8%	540.9%
Morgan Stanley Capital International World index	27.2%	143.9%	626.6%
Unit trusts (offer to offer)	19.7%	119.2%	476.9%

(Source: Association of Investment Trust Companies: Monthly Information Service of 31st October 1989).

In recent years the development of growing markets in traded options, complementing other derivative investments, has created significant opportunities to achieve substantially higher returns than those available from fixed interest investments. Investment in traded options can be carried out in such a way as to reduce the risk involved in equity investment. For example, call options can be sold against securities forming part of an existing portfolio entitling the buyer of the option to call for delivery of the underlying securities at a predetermined price. The sale of a call option realises an immediate return and provides some protection against a fall in value of the underlying security, although part of any growth in value of that security will be foregone. Investing a part of any portfolio in these types of arrangements can provide a substantial improvement in yield at a controllable and reasonable risk level. At the same time, hedging techniques can be employed where appropriate to control further the risks associated with equity investment.

INVESTMENT POLICIES

The Company's portfolio will be invested as follows:

- principally in investment trusts quoted on The Stock Exchange where the shares are trading at a discount to underlying net asset value which, in the opinion of the Directors, gives rise to potential for capital growth;
- up to a normal maximum of 15 per cent of total assets in quoted securities and their derivatives (including in particular traded options) on a fully covered basis. Hedging techniques will be employed where appropriate to minimise risk. These activities will be carried out through ASIT Dealings Limited, the wholly owned dealing subsidiary of the Company formed for this purpose;
- from time to time, as appropriate, in gilts, money market instruments or other quoted fixed income securities and, during periods of unfavourable UK equity market conditions, in direct investments in listed overseas securities. The Directors do not envisage that the proportion of the portfolio invested in fixed income securities would normally exceed 10 per cent.

The Directors believe that these investment policies will provide scope for both higher income and higher capital growth than the average for investment trust shares, while permitting indirect investment in a broad range of underlying securities at a discount to net asset value.

The Directors are empowered to borrow. It is intended that the activities of any dealing subsidiaries will normally be funded in part through borrowings.

The Company's business will be conducted so that it will meet all the requirements for qualification as an approved investment trust under Section 842 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

In addition to the investment policies set out above, the restrictions described in paragraph 2 of Part 3 of this document will be observed.

The investment policies set out above will be changed only with the approval of shareholders and, in any event, will be adhered to for at least three years following listing.

DIVIDEND POLICY

The Directors intend to pay dividends six monthly on the last business days of June and December in each year. The first dividend, relating to the period ending 31st March 1990, will be paid on 29th June 1990.

The Directors intend to distribute nearly all of the Company's income after expenses and tax. The Company's Articles of Association prohibit the distribution of profits arising from the realisation of investments.

In the absence of unforeseen circumstances, the Directors expect to declare total dividends in respect of the period ending 30th September 1990 of not less than 3.38p per Ordinary Share which, together with the associated tax credit of 1.12p per Ordinary Share, will give a gross yield to subscribers of 6 per cent on an annual basis on the Offer Price.

REPORTS TO SHAREHOLDERS

Annual accounts will be made up to 30th September in each year, the first accounts being made up for the period from the Company's incorporation to 30th September 1990.

A copy of the annual report and accounts will usually be sent to each Shareholder by the end of November in each year, together with the notice of the Annual General Meeting which will usually be held towards the end of December. Shareholders will also receive unaudited interim reports covering the six month periods ending on each 31st March.

CONTINUATION OF THE COMPANY

The Directors believe that the Shareholders should be given the opportunity to consider the future of the Company at regular intervals. Therefore an ordinary resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting in 2000 (and at every fifth subsequent Annual General Meeting) that the Company should continue as an investment trust for a further five year period. If any such resolution is not approved, the Directors will draw up proposals for the voluntary liquidation, unitisation or other reorganisation of the Company, which will be submitted to Shareholders for approval by a special resolution.

DIRECTORS

The Directors of the Company, all of whom are non-executive, are as follows:

Richard Granville (Chairman), aged 51, is a director of J S Gadd and the Manager and has long experience in investment management. He has been a director of Renaissance Holdings plc, a listed investment trust, since its formation in 1986. He joined Hoare & Co. (now Hoare Govett Limited) in 1959 and became a partner in 1967. He was a director of British Industries and General Investment Trust plc from 1980 to 1983 and was the head of Hoare Govett's investment trust department prior to becoming a member of the Council of The Stock Exchange from 1981 to 1984.

Arne Björhn, aged 38, was appointed president of Merchant Fund Management in Sweden in 1986 and vice president of Merchant Holding in 1989. He graduated from the Stockholm School of Economics in 1976 and from 1976 to 1982 was an economist with the Ministry of Finance in Sweden. From 1982 to 1986 he was the Chief Economist of the Swedish Conservative Party.

Peter Engström, aged 45, has been a director of J S Gadd since 1988. He was an economist with the International Monetary Fund from 1970 to 1978, after which he was Chief Economist and subsequently Director and Head of the International Loan Department of the Swedish National Debt Office. He was a Managing Director of Union Bank of Switzerland (Securities) Limited from 1986 to 1988.

Richard Good, aged 64, is a director of Throgmorton Trust plc and a number of other listed companies. He served in the Royal Navy until 1950 and was a member of The Stock Exchange from 1952 to 1966. In 1967 he was appointed Director of Investment trusts at Keyser Ullman and became Senior Director of Investment on the takeover of Keyser Ullman by Charterhouse in 1980. He retired from Charterhouse in 1981.

Hans Tornberg, aged 48, is the managing director and senior representative of Nordic Representatives Ltd (Representative Office for Skånska Banken), which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Skånska Banken, Malmo, Sweden.

He is a Bachelor of Law (Swedish) and joined Skånska Banken in 1975. Prior to taking up his present position at the Representative Office in London for Skånska Banken in 1987, the positions he held in Sweden included that of banking lawyer and branch manager.

Alan Tyser, aged 69, joined Hoare & Co as a partner from Lazards in 1953. He remained with the firm until his retirement in 1985. In 1980 he was appointed a director of Capital Gearing Trust.

MANAGER AND SECRETARY

SG Investment Management Limited is the Manager and Secretary of the Company. The Manager was formed in 1988 and is a 71 per cent owned subsidiary of SG Investments SA ("SGI"), with Neilson Milnes Limited and two of the Manager's key employees having a minority stake. SGI is a Luxembourg-listed holding company whose activities in the UK, through its subsidiary J.S. Gadd, include corporate finance and capital markets advice. SGI itself was founded in 1986 by Mr. Staffan Gadd who was formerly chief executive of Scandinavian Bank Limited and, more recently, of Samuel Montagu & Co. Limited. Staffan Gadd is Chairman of the Manager.

The Manager is a member of IMRO. Its directors and staff have considerable experience in investment management, particularly in the field of traded options and other derivative instruments.

The Manager will be responsible for the investment of the Company's assets under the overall direction of the Directors shown above.

MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

The Manager will receive a fee, payable six monthly in arrears, at an annual rate equal to the aggregate of 0.75 per cent of assets (excluding the assets of any dealing subsidiaries) and 1.0 per cent of the assets of any dealing subsidiaries. In addition, the Manager will receive an incentive fee calculated by reference to the performance of any dealing subsidiaries of the Company. Further details of the Management Agreements between the Manager and the Company and its dealing subsidiary, ASIT Dealings Limited, can be found in paragraph 9 of Part 3 of this document.

THE OFFER

The Company is now offering for subscription in the UK and Scandinavia 20,000,000 Ordinary Shares (with Warrants) at 100p per Ordinary Share, payable in full on application, in order to raise approximately £19.2 million, net of expenses.

J.S. Gadd has undertaken, subject to all the Ordinary Shares and Warrants being admitted to the Official List of The Stock Exchange and to the Unregistered Securities List of the Stockholm Stock Exchange on or before 20th December 1989, to subscribe or procure subscribers at the Offer Price for all the Ordinary Shares (with Warrants) not subscribed for under the Offer.

The Directors are aware of intended applications for a total of 10,345,500 Ordinary Shares (with Warrants) which the Company will accept in full. These applications will together represent approximately 52 per cent of the issued Ordinary Shares of the Company following the Offer.

WARRANTS

Successful applicants will receive one Warrant for every five Ordinary Shares held. A Warrant will initially confer the right, on 2nd January in any of the years 1994 to 1997 inclusive, to subscribe for one Ordinary Share at 100p, subject to adjustment in certain circumstances. The terms and conditions of the Warrants are set out in Part 2 of this document. Application has been made for the Warrants to be admitted to the Official List of The Stock Exchange and to the Unregistered Securities List of the Stockholm Stock Exchange.

Application will be made for Ordinary Shares issued upon exercise of Warrants to be admitted to the Official List of The Stock Exchange and the Unregistered Securities List of the Stockholm Stock Exchange and to any other Exchange on which the Ordinary Shares are for the time being traded. Such Ordinary Shares will rank for all dividends or other distributions declared, made or paid by reference to a record date on or after the relevant exercise date and will otherwise rank *pari passu* with the Ordinary Shares in issue on the relevant exercise date.

TAXATION

The following information is based upon the law and practice currently in force in the United Kingdom and Sweden. **If applicants are in any doubt as to their taxation position they should consult their professional advisers.**

(a) The Company

The Directors intend to conduct the affairs of the Company so that it satisfies the conditions for approval as an investment trust set out in Section 842 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Such approval is granted retrospectively for each accounting period. The Company will be exempt from UK corporation tax on capital gains in respect of each accounting period for which such approval is granted.

The income of the Company (except for dividends received from other UK resident companies) will be subject to UK corporation tax after relief for allowable expenses and loan interest. Income arising from any overseas investments may be subject to foreign withholding tax at the relevant country's applicable rate, but double taxation relief may be available.

The Directors consider that the Company will not be a close company immediately following the Offer.

(b) UK resident Shareholders and Warrantholders

Shareholders and Warrantholders resident in the UK may, depending upon their personal circumstances, be liable to taxation in respect of gains arising from the sale or other disposal (including disposal upon a winding up) of their Ordinary Shares or Warrants.

Shareholders will be entitled, in respect of all dividends paid by the Company, to an associated tax credit in respect of such dividends (currently equivalent to 35/75ths of the amount of such dividend).

The Directors have been advised that, on the basis of the law and practice currently in force in the UK for the purposes of taxation on capital gains:

(i) the cost of acquiring Ordinary Shares (with Warrants) pursuant to the Offer will be apportioned between the Ordinary Shares and the Warrants on a just and reasonable basis. It is likely that this will be on the basis of their respective values at the date of allotment of the Ordinary Shares and that the relationship between those values will be close to that between the Ordinary Shares and the Warrants on the date when they are first dealt in separately which is expected to be 21st December 1989. In order to assist Shareholders in the calculation of any capital gains tax liability, it is intended to include in the Report and Accounts of the Company for the period ending 30th September 1990 (and annually thereafter) the relevant details of the basis of apportionment of the holder's base cost for capital gains taxation purposes based on the market values of the Ordinary Shares and the Warrants on the first day of dealings;

(ii) the Warrants will not constitute wasting assets for the purposes of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979. Accordingly, on a disposal of the Warrants, their full cost will be allowed in computing any capital gain or loss and, if the Warrants are allowed to lapse completely, their full cost will be allowed as a capital loss incurred at the date of lapse; and

(iii) a holder who exercises the Warrants will not be regarded as thereby disposing of them, and no capital gain will arise at that time. Instead, in computing the cost of the Ordinary Shares acquired on exercise of the Warrants (and thus the capital gain when those Ordinary Shares are later sold or otherwise disposed of), the full cost of the Warrants will be added to the amount paid for the Ordinary Shares on the exercise of the Warrants.

(c) Swedish resident Shareholders and Warrantholders

Shareholders and Warrantholders resident in Sweden may, depending upon their personal circumstances, be liable to taxation in respect of gains arising from the sale or other disposal (including disposal upon a winding up) of their Ordinary Shares or Warrants.

Under the terms of the current double taxation agreement between the UK and Sweden, (the "Treaty"), shareholders resident in Sweden may be entitled to reclaim the whole or part of the associated tax credit in respect of dividends on their shares.

Individual Shareholders and corporate Shareholders which either alone or together with associated companies directly or indirectly control less than 10 per cent of the voting power in the Company will generally be entitled to reclaim the whole of the tax credit associated with their dividends, subject to a withholding tax in the UK of 15 per cent of the aggregate of the dividend and the reclaimable tax credit. Shareholders should note that the full amount of the tax credit will be taxable in Sweden in the tax year in which the associated dividend is paid and not when the refund of the tax credit is made. However, the tax withheld in the UK may be deducted when computing Swedish income tax by using the ordinary credit method.

Swedish corporate Shareholders which either alone or together with associated companies directly or indirectly control 10 per cent or more of the voting power of the Company will be able to reclaim only one half of the tax credit associated with their dividends. However, the UK withholding tax charge in such cases is reduced to 5 per cent of the aggregate of the dividend and the reduced reclaimable tax credit. Pursuant to the Treaty the dividend will be treated as if the dividend had been paid by a Swedish limited company, and will be subject to taxation, if any, accordingly.

The Directors have been advised that, on the basis of the law and practice currently in force in Sweden for the purposes of taxation on capital gains:

(i) on a disposal of the Warrants the cost of acquiring the Warrants will be allowed in computing any capital gain or loss. The computation of the taxable gain or loss is dependent on the period during which the Warrant has been held; and

(ii) a holder who exercises the Warrants will not be regarded as thereby disposing of them, and no capital gain will arise at that time. Instead, the cost of the Warrants will be added to the amount paid for the Ordinary Shares on the exercise of the Warrants.

Capital gains realised by Swedish residents on a disposal of Ordinary Shares or Warrants will not normally under the provisions of the Treaty be subject to taxation in the United Kingdom.

Further details of taxation considerations are set out in paragraphs 7 and 8 of Part 3 of this document.

RISK FACTORS

Prospective investors should be aware that the value of shares and the income derived from them can fluctuate. In addition, there is no guarantee that the market price of shares in investment trusts will fully reflect their underlying net asset value.

Warrants have the potential for higher capital appreciation than shares but at the same time their market price is liable to increased volatility and there is a risk that they may become valueless.

There can be no guarantee that the Company's objectives set out above will be achieved. The Company intends to fund part of its activities through borrowings: this can have a negative effect on overall performance in adverse market conditions. In addition, increasing competition in the traded options market may reduce the return which can be earned by the Company from its activities in this area.

APPLICATIONS AND DEALINGS

The procedure for application and an Application Form can be found at the end of this document. Applications must be for a minimum of 1,000 Ordinary Shares (with Warrants).

It is expected that the basis of allocation will be announced by 10.00 a.m. on Monday 18th December 1989, that definitive Ordinary Share and Warrant Certificates will be posted on Wednesday 20th December 1989 and that dealings in Ordinary Shares and Warrants will commence on Thursday 21st December 1989. The Ordinary Shares and Warrants are to be traded separately.

PART 2

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE WARRANTS

The Warrants were constituted by, and are subject to, the provisions of a deed poll dated 28th November 1989.

The terms and conditions attaching to the Warrants are as follows:

1 Subscription Rights

(a) A registered holder for the time being of a Warrant ("Warrantholder") shall have the right to subscribe ("Subscription Rights") for Ordinary Shares of 25p each in the Company ("Ordinary Shares") in cash on each Subscription Date, being 2nd January (or, if such day is not a business day, on the next following business day) in any of the years 1994 to 1997 inclusive (or, if later, the date in any such year 30 days after the date on which copies of the audited accounts of the Company for its then immediately preceding financial year are despatched to ordinary shareholders), for all or any of the number of Ordinary Shares in respect of which he is registered as the Warrantholder of the right to subscribe at the price of 100p per Ordinary Share (the "Subscription Price") payable in full on subscription. If the Company shall change its accounting reference date from 30th September, there shall be substituted for 2nd January the date falling three months after the new accounting reference date. The number and/or nominal value of Ordinary Shares to which Subscription Rights for each Warrant relate is initially one Ordinary Share of 25p but the number, nominal value and the Subscription Price will be subject to adjustment as provided in paragraph 2 below. The Warrants registered in a Warrantholder's name will be evidenced by a Warrant certificate issued by the Company ("Warrant Certificate").

(b) In order to exercise the Subscription Rights in whole or in part the Warrantholder must lodge the Warrant Certificate, having completed the notice of subscription thereon, at the office of the registrar for the time being of the Company to be received on or within 30 days prior to the relevant Subscription Date, accompanied by a remittance for the aggregate Subscription Price for the Ordinary Shares in respect of which the Subscription Rights are being exercised. Once lodged, a notice of subscription shall be irrevocable save with the written consent of the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Directors"). Compliance must also be made with any statutory requirements for the time being applicable.

(c) Not earlier than seven weeks nor later than five weeks before each Subscription Date the Company shall give notice to the Warrantholders reminding them of their Subscription Rights.

(d) Ordinary Shares issued pursuant to the exercise of Subscription Rights will be allotted not later than 14 days after and with effect from the relevant Subscription Date and certificates in respect of such Ordinary Shares will be despatched (at the risk of the person(s) entitled thereto) not later than 28 days after the relevant Subscription Date to the person in whose name the Warrant is registered at the date of such exercise (and, if more than one, to one of them, which shall be sufficient despatch for all) or (subject as provided by law) to such other persons(s) as may be named in the form of nomination available for the purpose from the registrar for the time being of the Company (and, if more than one, to one of them, which shall be sufficient despatch for all). In the event of a partial exercise of the Subscription Rights evidenced by a Warrant Certificate the Company shall issue a fresh Warrant Certificate in the name of the Warrantholder for the balance of his Subscription Rights remaining exercisable.

(e) Ordinary Shares allotted pursuant to the exercise of Subscription Rights will not rank for any dividends or other distributions declared, made or paid by reference to a record date prior to the relevant Subscription Date but subject thereto will rank in full for all dividends and other distributions thereafter declared, made or paid and otherwise *pari passu* in all respects with the Ordinary Shares in issue at that date.

(f) It is the intention of the Company to apply to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the Ordinary Shares allotted pursuant to any exercise of Subscription Rights to be admitted to the Official List of The Stock Exchange and to the Stockholm Stock Exchange for the admission of such Ordinary Shares to the Unregistered Securities List of the Stockholm Stock Exchange (or such other list on the Stockholm Stock Exchange to which the Ordinary Shares may at the relevant time have been admitted) and, in each case, to use all reasonable endeavours to obtain such admission not later than 14 days after the relevant Subscription Date. If the Ordinary Shares are on any Subscription Date listed on any other Stock Exchange, it will be the intention of the Company to apply to such exchange for the Ordinary Shares allotted pursuant to any exercise of Subscription Rights to be listed on such exchange with the Ordinary Shares already in issue.

(g) If at any time less than 25 per cent of the Warrants originally issued by the Company remain outstanding, the Company shall be entitled on giving not less than 14 days' notice in writing to the Warrantholders then outstanding to appoint a trustee who, provided that in his opinion the proceeds of sale after deduction of all costs and expenses incurred by him will exceed the Subscription Price, shall within the period of 14 days following the giving of such notice either exercise such Subscription Rights as have not been exercised on the terms on which the same could have been exercised on the preceding Subscription Date (subject to any adjustment pursuant to paragraph 2 below) and sell in the market Ordinary Shares acquired on such subscription or accept any offer available to Warrantholders for the purchase of those Warrants. The trustee shall distribute *pro rata* the proceeds less the Subscription Price and such other costs and expenses to the persons entitled thereto as soon as practicable after such sale, provided that entitlements of under £2 shall be retained for the benefit of the Company.

(h) Within seven days following the final Subscription Date the Company shall appoint a trustee who, within 14 days following that date, shall exercise such Subscription Rights as have not been exercised on the terms on which the same could have been exercised on the preceding Subscription Date and sell the Ordinary Shares acquired on such subscription, provided that the net proceeds of such sale exceed the Subscription Price, and distribute *pro rata* the net proceeds less the Subscription Price to the persons entitled thereto within two calendar months of the final Subscription Date, provided that entitlements of under £2 shall be retained for the benefit of the Company.

2 Adjustment of Subscription Rights

(a) Forthwith upon:

(i) any allotment of fully paid Ordinary Shares by way of capitalisation of reserves to ordinary shareholders on the Register on a date (or by reference to a date) on or before the final Subscription Date; or

(ii) any subdivision or consolidation of the Ordinary Shares on a date (or by reference to a date) on or before the final Subscription Date;

the number and/or nominal value of Ordinary Shares to be subscribed on any subsequent exercise of the Subscription Rights will be increased or, as the case may be, reduced in due proportion (fractions being ignored) and the Subscription Price will be adjusted accordingly, with effect from the record date of such capitalisation, subdivision or consolidation. The Auditors for the time being of the Company ("the Auditors") shall report upon the appropriate adjustments and, within 28 days thereafter, notice of such adjustments will be sent to each Warrantholder together with a Warrant Certificate in respect of the additional Ordinary Shares (if any) for which the Warrantholder is entitled to subscribe in consequence of the grant of additional rights to subscribe as aforesaid.

(b) If, on a date (or by reference to a record date) on or before the final Subscription Date, the Company makes any offer or invitation (whether by rights issue or otherwise) to the Ordinary shareholders, or any offer or invitation (not being an offer to which paragraph 3(d) applies) is made to such holders otherwise than by the Company, then the Company shall, so far as it is able, procure that at the same time the same offer or invitation is made to the then Warrantholders as if their Subscription Rights had been exercisable and had been exercised on the date immediately preceding the record date of such offer or invitation on the terms (subject to any adjustment pursuant to paragraph 2(a)) on which the same could have been exercised on the last preceding Subscription Date, provided that, if the Directors so resolve in the case of any such offer or invitation made by the Company, the Company shall not be required to procure that the same offer or invitation is made to the then Warrantholders but the Subscription Price shall be adjusted (i) in the case of an offer of additional Ordinary Shares for subscription by way of rights at a price less than the market price at the date of announcement of the terms of the offer, by multiplying the Subscription Price in force immediately before such announcement by a fraction of which the numerator is the number of Ordinary Shares in issue on the date of such announcement plus the number of Ordinary Shares which the aggregate of the amount payable for the total number of additional Ordinary Shares comprised in such rights issue would purchase at such market price and the denominator is the number of Ordinary Shares in issue at the date of such announcement plus the aggregate number of Ordinary Shares offered for subscription; and (ii) in any other case, in such manner as the Auditors shall certify to be appropriate. Any such adjustment shall become effective as at the record date for the offer or invitation. For the purposes of this sub-paragraph "market price" shall mean the average of the mean of the quotations as derived from the Daily Official List of The Stock Exchange for one Ordinary Share for the five consecutive stock exchange dealing days ending on The Stock Exchange dealing day immediately preceding the day on which the market price is to be ascertained. The Company shall give notice to each Warrantholder within 28 days of any adjustment made pursuant to this sub-paragraph (b) and, if appropriate, despatch Warrant Certificates in the manner described in paragraph 2(a) above.

(c) If at any time an offer is made to all Ordinary shareholders (or all Ordinary shareholders other than the offeror and/or any company controlled by the offeror and/or persons acting in concert with the offeror) to acquire the whole or any part of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company and the Company becomes aware that as a result of such offer the right to cast a majority of the votes which may ordinarily be cast on a poll at a General Meeting of the Company has or will become vested in the offeror and/or such persons or companies as aforesaid, the Subscription Price payable on any subsequent exercise of the Subscription Rights in accordance with paragraph 3(d) but not otherwise shall be reduced by an amount determined by the Auditors in accordance with the following formula:

A = (B + C) – D

where:

A = the reduction in the Subscription Price;

B = the Subscription Price ruling immediately before the adjustment;

C = the average of the mean of the quotations as derived from the Daily Official List of The Stock Exchange for one Warrant for the ten consecutive stock exchange dealing days ending on The Stock Exchange dealing day immediately preceding the date of the adjustment; and

D = the value (as determined by the Auditors) of the consideration per Ordinary Share offered to Ordinary shareholders of the Company by the offeror pursuant to the offer referred to above,

provided that:

(i) the Auditors shall be entitled to make such further adjustments to the Subscription Price payable on any subsequent exercise of the Subscription Rights in accordance with paragraph 3(d) as they shall report to be appropriate to take account of the market value of the Warrants (which shall be deemed to be equal to the value provided by calculating "C" in the above formula), having regard, inter alia, to the time value of money; and

(ii) the Subscription Price shall not be adjusted so as to cause the Company to be obliged to issue Ordinary Shares at a discount and, if the application of the above formula would, in the absence of this sub-paragraph (ii), have reduced the Subscription Price to below the then par value of an Ordinary Share, the number of Ordinary Shares to be subscribed on any subsequent exercise of the Subscription Rights in accordance with paragraph 3(d) but not otherwise shall be adjusted in such manner as the Auditors shall report to be appropriate to achieve the same economic result for the Warrantholders as if the Subscription Price had been adjusted without regard to this sub-paragraph (ii).

Any such adjustment shall become effective on the date on which the Company becomes aware that, as a result of such offer, the right to cast a majority of the votes which may ordinarily be cast on a poll at a General Meeting of the Company has or will become vested in the offeror and/or such persons or companies as aforesaid. The Company shall give notice to each Warrantholder within seven days of any adjustment made pursuant to this sub-paragraph and, if appropriate, despatch Warrant Certificates in the manner described in paragraph 2(a) above.

Publication of a scheme of arrangement under the Companies Act 1985 providing for the acquisition by any person of the whole or any part of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company shall be deemed to be the making of an offer for the purposes of this sub-paragraph (c).

(d) If an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for winding-up the Company (except for the purposes of reconstruction, amalgamation or unitisation on terms sanctioned by an extraordinary resolution of the Warrantholders), the provisions of paragraph 2(c) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* and any adjustment made pursuant to this sub-paragraph shall be calculated by reference to, and shall become effective, on the day immediately before the date of such order or resolution.

3 Other Provisions

So long as any Subscription Rights remain exercisable:

(a) the Company shall not (except with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution of the Warrantholders):

(i) in any way modify the rights attached to its existing Ordinary Shares as a class (but nothing herein shall restrict the right of the Company to increase or to consolidate or sub-divide its share capital) or create or issue any new class of equity share capital (as defined in Section 744 of the Companies Act 1985) which carries rights as regards voting, dividend or return of capital more favourable than those attaching to the Ordinary Shares;

(ii) reduce its share capital (other than by redemption or repurchase of any shares) or any uncalled or unpaid liability in respect of any of its share capital or (except as authorised by Sections 130 to 134 inclusive or Section 170 of the Companies Act 1985) any share premium account or capital redemption reserve;

(iii) make any distribution of capital profits or capital reserves (including all surpluses and accretions required to be credited to capital reserve by the Company's Articles of Association), except by means of a capitalisation issue in the form of fully paid Ordinary Shares, or issue securities by way of capitalisation of profits or reserves, except fully paid Ordinary Shares issued to its Ordinary shareholders;

(iv) make any such offer or invitation as is referred to in paragraph 2(b) above on or by reference to a record date falling within the period of six weeks ending on any Subscription Date except by extending to Warrantholders any such offer as may be made by a third party;

(v) issue any Ordinary Shares credited as fully paid up by way of capitalisation of profits or reserves nor make any such offer as is referred to in paragraph 2(b) above if in either case as a result the Company would on any subsequent exercise of the Subscription Rights be obliged to issue Ordinary Shares at a discount;

(vi) amend the provisions of its Articles of Association to permit any distribution of capital profits or capital reserves (save as already provided for);

(vii) make any allotment of fully paid Ordinary Shares by way of capitalisation of capital profits or capital reserves unless at the date of such allotment the Directors have authority for the purposes of Section 80 of the Companies Act 1985 to grant the additional rights to subscribe to which the Warrantholders by virtue of paragraph 2(a) hereof will be entitled in consequence of such capitalisation; or

(viii) change its accounting reference date from 30th September without giving to the Warrantholders at least two months' notice thereof;

(b) the Company shall keep available for issue sufficient authorised but unissued share capital to satisfy in full all Subscription Rights remaining exercisable;

(c) the Company shall not make any such offer or invitation as is referred to in paragraph 2(b) above to the Ordinary shareholders unless:

(i) where such offer or invitation involves the allotment of relevant securities (as defined in Section 80 of the Companies Act 1985) the Directors shall have authority for the purposes of the said Section 80 to allot any such securities required to be allotted to the Warrantholders in consequence of the Company making the same offer or invitation to the Warrantholders in accordance with paragraph 2(b) above; and

(ii) Section 89 of such Act shall have been disapplied to the extent (if any) necessary to enable the Company to make such offer or invitation to the Warrantholders and to effect allotment pursuant thereto;

(d) if at any time an offer is made to all Ordinary shareholders (or all Ordinary shareholders other than the offeror and/or any company controlled by the offeror and/or persons acting in concert with the offeror) to acquire the whole or any part of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company and the Company becomes aware that as a result of such offer the right to cast a majority of the votes which may ordinarily be cast on a poll at a General Meeting of the Company has or will become vested in the offeror and/or such persons or companies as aforesaid, the Company shall give notice to the Warrantholders of such vesting within seven days of its becoming so aware, and each Warrantholder shall be entitled, at any time within the period of 60 days immediately following the date of such notice, to exercise his Subscription Rights on the terms on which the same could have been exercised on the last preceding Subscription Date (subject to any adjustment pursuant to paragraph 2 above). Publication of a scheme of arrangement under the Companies Act 1985 providing for the acquisition by any person of the whole or any part of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company shall be deemed to be the making of an offer for the purposes of this sub-paragraph (d); and

(e) if an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for winding up the Company (except for the purposes of reconstruction, amalgamation or unitisation on terms sanctioned by an extraordinary resolution of the Warrantholders) each Warrantholder will (if in such winding up and on the basis that all Warrants then unexercised had been exercised in full and the subscription moneys therefor had been received in full by the Company, there would be a surplus available for distribution amongst the Ordinary shareholders which on such basis would exceed in respect of each Ordinary Share a sum equal to the Subscription Price) be treated as if immediately before the date of such order or resolution his Subscription Rights had been exercisable and had been exercised in full on the terms on which the same could have been exercised on the last preceding Subscription Date (subject to any adjustment pursuant to paragraph 2 above), and shall accordingly be entitled to receive out of the assets available in the liquidation *pari passu* with the Ordinary shareholders such a sum as he would have received had he exercised his Subscription Rights in full and become the holder of the Ordinary Shares to which he would have become entitled by virtue of such subscription after deducting a sum per Ordinary Share equal to the Subscription Price, and subject to the foregoing all Subscription Rights shall lapse on liquidation of the Company.

4 Modification of Rights

All or any of the rights for the time being attached to the Warrants may from time to time (whether or not the Company is being wound up) be altered or abrogated with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution of the Warrantholders. For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, "extraordinary resolution of the Warrantholders" means a resolution proposed at a separate meeting of the Warrantholders duly convened and held and passed by a majority consisting of not less than three-fourths of the votes cast whether on a show of hands or on a poll. All the provisions of the Articles of Association for the time being of the Company as to General Meetings shall *mutatis mutandis* apply as though the Warrants were a class of shares forming part of the capital of the Company but so that:

(i) the necessary quorum shall be the Warrantholders (present in person or by proxy) entitled to acquire one-third in nominal amount of the Ordinary Shares attributable to such outstanding Warrants;

(ii) every Warrantholder present in person or by proxy at any such meeting shall be entitled on a poll to one vote for every Ordinary Share for which he is entitled to subscribe;

(iii) any Warrantholder present in person or by proxy may demand or join in demanding a poll; and

(iv) at any adjourned meeting those Warrantholders present in person or by proxy shall be a quorum (whatever the number of Warrants held or represented by them).

5 Transfer and Transmission

(a) Each Warrant will be registered and will be transferable in whole or, subject to paragraph 5(b), in part by instrument of transfer in any usual or common form, or in any other form which may be approved by the Directors.

(b) No transfer of a right to subscribe for a fraction of an Ordinary Share may be effected.

(c) Subject as provided in (a) and (b) above, the provisions of the Articles of Association for the time being of the Company relating to the registration, transfer and transmission of Ordinary Shares and the issue of certificates shall mutatis mutandis apply to the Warrants.

6 Purchase of Warrants

The Company may from time to time purchase any Warrants at any price by tender (available to all Warrantholders alike), private treaty or otherwise. Any Warrants so purchased shall forthwith be cancelled by the Company, which will not be at liberty to reissue the same.

7 General

(a) The Company will concurrently with the issue of the same to its Ordinary shareholders send to each Warrantholder (or in the case of joint Warrantholders to the first named) a copy of each published annual report and accounts of the Company and copies of all other documents issued by the Company to Ordinary shareholders.

(b) For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, "business day" means a day on which banks in London are open for business.

(c) If any of the events referred to in paragraphs 2(b), 3(d) and 3(e) above shall occur prior to the first Subscription Date, the paragraph concerned shall be read and construed in relation to that event as if the words "first Subscription Date" were substituted for the words "last preceding Subscription Date".

(d) Any determination or adjustment made pursuant to these Terms and Conditions by the Auditors shall be made by them as experts and not as arbitrators and any such determination or adjustment made by them shall be final and binding on the Company and each of the Warrantholders.

PART 3

GENERAL INFORMATION

1 Incorporation, share capital and indebtedness

(a) The Company was incorporated in England under the Companies Act 1985 as a public limited company on 18th May 1989 under its present name with the registered number 2386509.

(b) The authorised share capital of the Company on incorporation was £50,000 divided into 200,000 Ordinary Shares of 25p each. On incorporation, two Ordinary Shares were issued, nil paid.

(c) On 20th November 1989, at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company, the Directors were given authority pursuant to Sections 80 and 95 of the Companies Act 1985 to allot Ordinary Shares with an aggregate nominal value of up to £49,999.50. On the same day, J.S. Gadd Holdings Limited subscribed for 199,998 Ordinary Shares at £1 per share. Such Ordinary Shares were allotted to J.S. Gadd Holdings Limited against an irrevocable undertaking whereby J.S. Gadd Holdings Limited undertook to pay £1 for each such share by not later than 31st March 1990. J.S. Gadd Holdings Limited further undertook to pay up by such date the sum of £1 on each of the Ordinary Shares issued on incorporation.

(d) On 22nd November 1989, the Company was issued with a certificate under Section 117(1) of the Companies Act 1985 entitling it to do business and exercise borrowing powers.

(e) On 28th November 1989, at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company, it was resolved to increase the authorised share capital from £50,000 to £8,000,000 by the creation of an additional 31,800,000 Ordinary Shares of 25p each and to grant the Directors the necessary authorities pursuant to Sections 80 and 95 of the Companies Act 1985 to allot Ordinary Shares with an aggregate nominal amount of up to £5,950,000 pursuant to the Offer and on exercise of the Warrants.

In addition, at the same Extraordinary General Meeting, it was resolved:

(i) to authorise the Directors in accordance with Section 80 of the Companies Act 1985, to allot relevant securities (as defined in that Section) up to an aggregate nominal amount of £2,000,000, such authority to expire on 1st February 1991 or at the Annual General Meeting of the Company in respect of the period ending on 30th September 1990, whichever is the earlier; and

(ii) to authorise the Directors, pursuant to Section 95 of the Companies Act 1985, to allot equity securities (as defined in Section 94 of that Act) for cash pursuant to the authority referred to in sub-paragraph (i) above as if Section 89(1) of that Act did not apply to the allotment, but such power was limited to the allotment of equity securities in connection with a rights issue and the allotment (otherwise than pursuant to a rights issue) of equity securities up to an aggregate nominal amount of £250,000.

(f) Following the Offer, the issued share capital of the Company will be £5,000,000 divided into 20,000,000 Ordinary Shares. There will remain authorised but unissued share capital divided into 12,000,000 Ordinary Shares, of which 4,000,000 are reserved for issue upon exercise in full of the Warrants.

(g) Save as disclosed in this Part 3, no share or loan capital of the Company or its subsidiary has been issued for cash or for a consideration other than cash, no such share or loan capital is proposed to be issued, no commissions, discounts, brokerages or other special terms have been granted by the Company or its subsidiary in connection with the issue or sale of any share or loan capital and no share or loan capital of the Company or its subsidiary is under option or is agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be put under option.

(h) Subject to any special rights or restrictions attaching to any shares or any class of shares issued by the Company in future, the holders of fully paid Ordinary Shares are entitled, *pari passu* amongst themselves but in proportion to the number of Ordinary Shares held by them, to share in the whole of the profits of the Company paid out as dividends and, subject to the rights of the holders of Warrants to be treated in a liquidation as if they held the Ordinary Shares for which they are entitled to subscribe as set out in Part 2 of this document, the whole of any surplus in the event of the liquidation of the Company.

(i) The Ordinary Shares and Warrants will be in registered form.

(j) No material issue of shares (other than to Shareholders *pro rata* to existing holdings) will be made within one year without prior approval of the Shareholders in general meeting.

2 Investment restrictions

In addition to the investment policies set out in Part 1, the following restrictions will be adhered to:

(a) except in the case of the investment in ASIT Dealings Limited (which will not exceed 15 per cent of the Group's assets before deducting borrowed money), not more than 10 per cent of the Group's assets (before deducting borrowed money) may be lent to, or invested in the securities of, any one company (other than holdings in another investment trust which has been approved by the Inland Revenue or which would qualify for such approval but for the fact that it is not listed) including loans to or shares in its own subsidiaries. A reciprocal or back-to-back loan is not regarded for the purpose of this sub-paragraph as lending;

(b) not more than 25 per cent of the Group's assets (before deducting borrowed money) may be invested in the aggregate of:

- securities not listed on any recognised stock exchange (for which purpose securities quoted on the NASDAQ system in the United States of America and Canada are treated as securities listed on a recognised stock exchange); and
- holdings in which the Group's interest amounts to 20 per cent or more of the aggregate of the equity capital (including any capital having an element of equity) of any one listed company (other than another investment trust which has been approved by the Inland Revenue or which would qualify for such approval but for the fact that it is not listed).

3 Accountants' report

The following is the text of a report received by the Directors of the Company, ASIT Dealings Limited, J.S. Gadd, Skånska Banken, Merchant, Grundström & Partners Fondkommission AB and Bikuben Børs A/S from Peat Marwick McLintock, Chartered Accountants, the Auditors of the Company:

The Directors
Anglo Scandinavian Investment Trust PLC
ASIT Dealings Limited

1 Puddle Dock
London EC4V 3PD

29th November 1989

The Directors
J.S. Gadd & Co. Limited
Skånska Banken
Merchant, Grundström & Partners Fondkommission AB
Bikuben Børs A/S

Dear Sirs,

We report that Anglo Scandinavian Investment Trust PLC was incorporated on 18th May 1989 and that ASIT Dealings Limited, its wholly owned subsidiary, was incorporated on 24th May 1989. Since that date neither company has traded, prepared any accounts or declared or paid any dividends.

Yours faithfully,

PEAT MARWICK McLINTOCK

Chartered Accountants

4 Memorandum and Articles of Association

The Memorandum of Association of the Company provides that the Company's principal object is to carry on the business of an investment trust company and to undertake all kinds of trust and agency business. The objects of the Company are set out in full in clause 4 of the Memorandum of Association which is available for inspection at the addresses set out in

paragraph 11 below. The Articles of Association of the Company contain, *inter alia*, provisions to the following effect:

(a) *Variation of rights*

Whenever the share capital of the Company is divided into different classes of shares, the special rights attached to any class may, subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 and every other statute for the time being in force concerning companies and affecting the Company ("the Statutes"), be varied or abrogated either with the consent in writing of the holders of three-quarters in nominal value of the issued shares of the class or with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of the shares of the class (but not otherwise) and may be so varied or abrogated either whilst the Company is a going concern or during or in contemplation of a winding up. At every such separate general meeting the necessary quorum shall be at least two persons holding or representing by proxy at least one-third in nominal value of the issued shares of the class (but so that at any adjourned meeting any holder of shares of the class present in person or by proxy shall be a quorum).

(b) *Alteration of share capital*

The Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution:

(i) increase its share capital by such sum to be divided into shares of such amounts as the resolution shall prescribe;

(ii) consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into shares of larger amount than its existing shares;

(iii) cancel any shares which, at the date of the passing of the resolution, have not been taken, or agreed to be taken, by any person and diminish the amount of its capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled;

(iv) sub-divide its shares, or any of them, into shares of smaller amount than is fixed by the Memorandum of Association (subject, nevertheless, to the provisions of the Statutes), and so that the resolution whereby any share is sub-divided may determine that, as between the holders of the shares resulting from such sub-division, one or more of the shares may, as compared with the others, have any such preferred, deferred or other special rights, or be subject to any such restrictions, as the Company has power to attach to unissued or new shares.

Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, the Company may purchase any of its own shares (including any redeemable shares). Every contract for the purchase by the Company of, or under which it may become entitled or obliged to purchase, its own shares shall, in addition to such authorisation as may be required by the Statutes, be sanctioned by an Extraordinary Resolution passed at a separate General Meeting of the holders of each class of shares in issue convertible into equity share capital of the Company.

The Company may reduce its share capital or any capital redemption reserve, share premium account or other undistributable reserve in any manner and with and subject to any incident authorised and consent required by law.

(c) *Issue of shares*

Subject to the provisions of the Statutes relating to authority, pre-emption rights and otherwise and of any resolution of the Company in general meeting passed pursuant thereto, all unissued shares shall be at the disposal of the Directors and they may allot (with or without conferring a right of renunciation), grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, at such times and on such terms as they think proper.

(d) *Transfer of shares*

Subject as mentioned in sub-paragraph 4(j), any member may transfer all or any of his shares by instrument of transfer in the usual common form or in any other form which the Directors may approve. The instrument of transfer of a share shall be signed by or on behalf of the transferor and, except in the case of fully paid shares, by or on behalf of the transferee. The Directors may in their absolute discretion and without assigning any reason therefor refuse to register any transfer of shares (not being fully paid shares). The Directors may also refuse to register a transfer of shares whether fully paid or not unless the instrument of transfer:

(i) is lodged at the transfer office accompanied by the relevant share certificate(s);

(ii) is in respect of only one class of share; and

(iii) is in favour of not more than four persons jointly.

(e) *Votes of members*

Subject to any special rights or restrictions as to voting attached to any shares and as mentioned in sub-paragraph 4(j), on a show of hands every member who is present in person shall have one vote and on a poll every member who is present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote shall have one vote for each share of which he is the holder. No member shall, unless the Directors otherwise determine, be entitled in respect of shares held by him to vote at a general meeting either personally or by proxy or to exercise any other right conferred by membership in relation to meetings of the Company if any call or other sum presently payable by him to the Company in respect of such shares remains unpaid. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing and must be left at the place specified not less than forty-eight hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting.

(f) *Directors*

(i) Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution of the Company, the Directors (other than alternate Directors) shall not be less than three nor more than eight in number.

(ii) Directors shall not be required to hold any shares in the Company by way of qualification. A Director who is not a member shall nevertheless be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting and at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of share in the Company.

(iii) The ordinary remuneration of the Directors shall not in aggregate exceed £70,000 per annum or such other sum as may from time to time be determined by an Ordinary Resolution of the Company. Such remuneration shall be divisible among the Directors as they may agree or, failing agreement, equally, except that any Director who shall hold office for part only of the period in respect of which such remuneration is payable shall be entitled only to rank in such division for a proportion of remuneration related to the period during which he has held office. The Directors may also be paid all reasonable expenses incurred by them in attending and returning from meetings of the Directors or any committee of the Directors or general meetings of the Company or otherwise in connection with the business of the Company. Any Director who holds any executive office or who serves on any committee of the Directors, or who otherwise performs services which in the opinion of the Directors are outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a Director, may be paid such remuneration by way of salary, commission or otherwise as the Directors may determine. The Directors shall have power to pay and agree to pay gratuities, pensions or other retirement, superannuation, death or disability benefits to (or to any person in respect of) any Director or ex-Director and, for the purpose of providing any such gratuities, pensions or other benefits, to contribute to any scheme or fund or to pay premiums.

(iv) The Directors may from time to time appoint one or more of their body to any executive office (including, where considered appropriate, the office of Chairman or Deputy Chairman) on such terms and for such periods as they may (subject to the provisions of the Statutes) determine and, without prejudice to the terms of any contract entered into in any particular case, may at any time revoke any such appointment.

(v) A Director may be party to or in any way interested in any contract or arrangement or transaction to which the Company is a party or in which the Company is in any way interested and he may hold and be remunerated in respect of any office or place of profit (other than the office of Auditor of the Company or any subsidiary thereof) under the Company or any other company in which the Company is in any way interested and he (or any firm of which he is a member) may act in a professional capacity for the Company or any such other company and be remunerated therefor and in any such case as aforesaid (save as otherwise agreed by him) he may retain for his own absolute use and benefit all profits and advantages accruing to him thereunder or in consequence thereof.

(vi) Save as otherwise provided in the Articles, a Director shall not vote in respect of any contract or arrangement or any other proposal whatsoever in which he has any material interest otherwise than by virtue of his interest in shares or debentures or other securities of, or otherwise in or through, the Company. A Director shall not be counted in the quorum at a meeting in relation to any resolution on which he is not entitled to vote. Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, a Director shall (in the absence of some other material interest than is indicated below) be entitled to vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of any resolution concerning any of the following matters, namely:

(A) the giving of any security or indemnity to him in respect of money lent, or obligations incurred by him at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;

(B) the giving of any security or indemnity to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for which he himself has assumed responsibility in whole or in part under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;

(C) any proposal concerning an offer of shares or debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any of its subsidiaries for subscription or purchase in which offer he is or is to be interested as a participant in the underwriting or sub-underwriting thereof;

(D) any proposal concerning any other company in which he is interested, directly or indirectly and whether as an officer or shareholder or otherwise howsoever, provided that he (together with persons connected with him within the meaning of Section 346 of the Companies Act 1985) is not beneficially interested in one per cent or more of the issued shares of any class of such company (or of any third company through which his interest is derived) or of the voting rights available to members of the relevant company (any such interest being deemed to be a material interest in all circumstances); and

(E) any proposal concerning the adoption, modification or operation of a superannuation fund or retirement benefits scheme or employees' share scheme under which he may benefit and which has been approved by or is subject to and conditional upon approval by the Board of Inland Revenue for taxation purposes.

If any question shall arise at any time as to the materiality of a Director's interest or as to the entitlement of any Director to vote and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting, such question shall be referred to the Chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to any other Director shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of such Director has not been fairly disclosed. If any question as aforesaid shall arise in respect of the Chairman of the meeting such question shall be decided by a resolution of the Directors (for which purpose such Chairman shall be counted in the quorum but shall not vote thereon) and such resolution shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of such Chairman has not been fairly disclosed to the Directors. The Company may by ordinary resolution suspend or relax the provisions in this paragraph to any extent or ratify any transaction not duly authorised by reason of a contravention thereof.

(vii) At each Annual General Meeting, one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not a multiple of three, the number nearest to but not greater than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation; provided that no Director holding office as Managing or Joint Managing Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation or be taken into account in determining the number of Directors to retire. Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, the Directors to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or re-appointment but, as between persons who became or were last re-appointed Directors on the same day, those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot.

(viii) A resolution for the appointment of two or more persons as Directors by a single resolution shall not be moved at any general meeting unless a resolution that it shall be so moved has first been agreed to by the meeting without any vote being given against it. Any resolution moved in contravention of this provision shall be void.

(ix) Any provisions of the Statutes which, subject to the provisions of the Articles, would have the effect of rendering any person ineligible for appointment as a Director or liable to vacate office as a Director on account of his having reached any specified age or of requiring special notice or any other special formality in connection with the appointment of any Director over a specified age, shall not apply to the Company.

(g) *Borrowing Powers*

(i) Subject as hereinafter provided and to the provisions of the Statutes, the Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money and to mortgage and charge its undertaking, property (present and future) and uncalled capital, and to issue debentures and other securities, whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.

(ii) The Directors shall restrict the borrowings of the Company and exercise all voting and other rights or powers of control exercisable by the Company in relation to its subsidiary companies (if any) so as to secure (so far, as regards subsidiaries, as by such exercise they can secure) that the aggregate amount for the time being remaining outstanding of all moneys borrowed by the Group (which expression means and includes the Company and its subsidiaries for the time being) and for the time being owing to persons outside the Group shall not at any time without the previous sanction of an Ordinary Resolution of the Company exceed an amount equal to the Adjusted Capital and Reserves or, until such time as the first accounts of the Company shall be made up and audited, an amount equal to the issued share capital plus the amount standing to the credit of the share premium account.

The expression "Adjusted Capital and Reserves" means at any material time a sum equal to the aggregate of:

(a) the amount paid up on the issued share capital of the Company; and

(b) the amount standing to the credit of the reserves of the Company and its subsidiaries (including any share premium account or capital redemption reserve) after adding thereto or deducting therefrom any balance to the credit or debit of the profit and loss account;

all based on a consolidation of the then latest available audited balance sheets of the Company and its subsidiaries but subject to the deductions and adjustments set out in the Articles.

(h) *Dividends*

(i) The Company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends but no such dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by the Directors. If and so far as in the opinion of the Directors the profits of the Company justify such payments, the Directors may pay the fixed dividends on any class of shares carrying a fixed dividend expressed to be payable on fixed dates on the half-yearly or other dates prescribed for the payment thereof and may also from time to time pay interim dividends on shares of any class of such amounts and on such dates and in respect of such periods as they think fit.

(ii) No dividend shall be paid otherwise than out of profits available for distribution under the provisions of the Statutes. Any surplus over the book value derived from the sale or realisation of any capital asset and any other sums representing capital profits within the meaning of Section 265 of the Companies Act 1985 ("the Act") or other accretions to capital assets, including in particular any sums resulting from the writing up of the book values of any capital assets, shall not be available for dividend or any other distribution within the meaning ascribed thereto by Section 263(2) of the Act.

(iii) Any resolution for the declaration or payment of a dividend on shares of any class, whether a resolution of the Company in General Meeting or a resolution of the Directors, may specify that the same shall be payable to the persons registered as the holders of such shares at the close of business on a particular date, notwithstanding that it may be a date prior to that on which the resolution is passed, and thereupon the dividend shall be payable to them in accordance with their respective holdings so registered, but without prejudice to the rights inter se in respect of such dividend or transferors and transferees of any such shares.

(iv) Any dividend unclaimed after a period of 12 years from the date of declaration of such dividend shall be forfeited and shall revert to the Company.

(i) Untraced Shareholders

The Company shall be entitled to sell at the best price reasonably obtainable the shares of a member or the shares to which a person is entitled by transmission on death or bankruptcy or otherwise by operation of law if, during a period of 12 years, at least three dividends have been paid in relation to such shares during those 12 years and no such dividend has been claimed and during such period of 12 years and within a further period of three months from the date of advertisements giving notice of its intention to sell such shares placed after the expiry of the period of 12 years the Company has not received any communication from the member or the person entitled by transmission. The Company shall be obliged to account to the former member or person entitled by transmission for the net proceeds of sale of such shares but no trust shall be created in respect of the debt and no interest shall be payable to account for any money earned on the net proceeds.

(j) Restrictions on transfer, voting and the right to receive dividends

The Articles of Association provide for disenfranchisement of shares which are subject of a notice under Section 212 of the Companies Act 1985 (which allows the Company to request certain details concerning ownership of its shares) if the persons served with any such notice are in default in answering any such notice. In addition, the Articles of Association provide for the imposition of restrictions on transferability of the shares concerned and on the right to receive dividends in addition to disenfranchisement if such shares represent more than 0.25 per cent of the class of shares concerned. Such restrictions will not be able to be imposed until the expiry of 28 days or 14 days for holdings of more than 0.25 per cent of the class of shares concerned. Any such restrictions will remain in effect for so long as the default continues and will cease if the shares concerned are sold pursuant to a takeover offer or to an unconnected third party or through The Stock Exchange.

5 ASIT Dealings Limited

ASIT Dealings Limited has been formed by the Company as a dealing subsidiary. It was incorporated on 24th May 1989 and has an authorised capital of £100, divided into 100 Ordinary Shares of £1 each, two of which have been issued nil paid and are held by or on behalf of the Company. Its registered office is at 45 Bloomsbury Square, London WC1A 2RA.

6 Directors' and other interests

(a) The Directors, including their immediate families, have expressed an intention to make applications under the Offer for the numbers of Ordinary Shares (with Warrants) set out against their respective names below, and it is intended that these applications will be accepted in full.

	Number of Ordinary Shares	
	Beneficial	Non-beneficial
Richard Granville	25,000	—
Arne Björhn	1,000	—
Peter Engström	1,000	—
Richard Good	2,500	—
Hans Tornberg	1,000	—
Alan Tyser	5,000	—

(b) Immediately following the issue of Ordinary Shares (with Warrants) under the Offer it is expected that the following persons will hold 5 per cent or more of the issued Ordinary Shares:

Jyske Bank	10 per cent
Skandia Insurance	5 per cent

(c) There are no service contracts in existence between the Company and any of its Directors, nor are any such contracts proposed.

(d) Richard Granville is a director of the Manager which will receive management fees pursuant to the Agreements referred to in paragraphs 9(b) and (c) below. Richard Granville and Peter Engström are directors of J.S. Gadd which will receive commissions and benefits as disclosed in paragraph 10(b) below. Richard Granville is a director of Neilson Milnes Limited which will receive a fee of £5,000 for agreeing to act as stockbroker to the Company. Arne Björhn is a director of Merchant Holding, the holding company of Merchant, Grundström & Partners Fondkommission AB which will receive a sub underwriting commission and fee as disclosed in paragraph 10(b). Save as disclosed in this part, none of the Directors has any interest in transactions effected by the Company since its incorporation which are or were unusual in their nature or conditions or which are or were significant to the business of the Company.

(e) It is estimated that the aggregate emoluments of the Directors for the period from 21st December 1989 to 30th September 1990 will not exceed £40,000.

7 Taxation of dividends and distributions

(a) *The Company*

Under current UK taxation legislation, no withholding tax will be deducted from dividends paid by the Company. The Company is generally required to make an advance payment of corporation tax (ACT) when a dividend is paid. The current ACT rate is 25/75ths of the dividend paid. Consequently, the ACT relating to any dividend currently equals 25 per cent of the total of the cash dividend and the ACT. Subject to certain restrictions, ACT is available for offset against the Company's liability to corporation tax for the year of payment of the dividend and future years or, up to a maximum of six years, past years.

(b) *UK resident Shareholders*

A UK resident individual Shareholder receives, imputed to any cash dividend received, a tax credit which, at current rates, is equal to 25/75ths of the dividend paid. The tax credit will satisfy in full a UK resident individual Shareholder's liability to basic rate income tax on the dividend plus the tax credit, leaving such Shareholder liable to higher rate income tax only (if appropriate). If the individual is not liable to income tax, the tax credit may be reclaimed, in whole or in part, from the Inland Revenue.

A UK resident corporate Shareholder will not be liable to UK corporation tax on any dividend received and the dividend and associated tax credit will represent franked income in the hands of such a Shareholder.

(c) *Swedish resident Shareholders*

Under the terms of the current double taxation agreement between the UK and Sweden (the "Treaty"), Shareholders resident in Sweden may be entitled to reclaim the whole or part of the associated tax credit in respect of dividends on their shares.

Individual Shareholders, and corporate Shareholders which either alone or together with associated companies directly or indirectly control less than 10 per cent of the voting power in the Company, will generally be entitled to reclaim the whole of the tax credit associated with their dividends subject to a withholding tax in the UK of 15 per cent of the aggregate of the dividend and the reclaimable tax credit. Shareholders should note that the full amount of the tax credit will be taxable in Sweden in the tax year in which the associated dividend is paid and not when the refund of the tax credit is made. However the tax withheld in the UK may be deducted when computing Swedish income tax using the ordinary credit method. Swedish corporate Shareholders which either alone or together with associated companies directly or indirectly control 10 per cent or more of the voting power of the Company will be able to reclaim only one half of the tax credit associated with their dividends. However the UK withholding tax charge in such cases is reduced to 5 per cent of the aggregate of the dividend and the reduced reclaimable tax credit. Pursuant to the Treaty the dividend will be treated as if the dividend had been paid by a Swedish limited company, and will be subject to taxation, if any, accordingly.

(d) *Other Shareholders*

Other Shareholders in the Company who are not resident in the UK or Sweden may be entitled to reclaim from the Inland Revenue a proportion of the tax credit relating to their dividends but such entitlement will depend, in general, upon the provisions of any double taxation agreement or convention which exists between the UK and their country of residence. Non-UK resident and non-Swedish resident Shareholders may be subject to foreign taxation on dividend income in their country of residence. Any person who is not resident in the UK or Sweden should consult his own tax adviser on the question of the double taxation provisions (if any) applying between his country of residence and the UK.

8 Stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax

(a) The United Kingdom

The Company has been advised that:

(i) on the issue of definitive Ordinary Share and Warrant certificates, no stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax will be payable;

(ii) transfers of Ordinary Shares or Warrants will be liable to *ad valorem* stamp duty (or, if an unconditional agreement to transfer the Ordinary Shares or Warrants is not completed by a duly stamped transfer within two months, stamp duty reserve tax) at the rate of 50 pence per £100 or part thereof of the actual consideration paid.

(b) *Sweden*

The Act on tax on turnover of securities (1983:1053), as amended in 1988, will be applicable to Swedish resident Shareholders purchasing or selling Ordinary Shares and/or Warrants. The tax amounts to one per cent of the purchase/sales price but is not payable if the transaction takes place without the intervention of a Swedish stockbroker, and the total purchase/sales consideration paid or payable by the particular buyer or seller does not exceed 500,000 SEK during each semi-calendar year. Shareholders not resident in Sweden are not liable to pay this tax.

9 Material contracts

The following contracts, not being contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, have been entered into by the Company or ASIT Dealings Limited and are, or may be, material:-

(a) an Underwriting Agreement dated 29th November 1989 between the Company and J.S. Gadd whereby, subject to all the Ordinary Shares (with Warrants) offered under the Offer being admitted to the Official List of The Stock Exchange and the Unregistered Securities List of the Stockholm Stock Exchange on or before 20th December 1989, J.S. Gadd has undertaken to the Company to subscribe or procure subscribers at the Offer Price for any Ordinary Shares (with Warrants) not subscribed for under the Offer. The Company will pay to J.S. Gadd an underwriting commission of 3 per cent of the aggregate Offer Price out of which J.S. Gadd will pay sub-underwriting commissions. The Underwriting Agreement also contains certain warranties, undertakings and indemnities by the Company and provisions which permit the termination of the Agreement in certain circumstances prior to despatch of definitive Share and Warrant certificates;

(b) a Management Agreement dated 29th November 1989 between the Company and the Manager whereby the Manager has agreed to act as investment manager and Secretary to the Company for a six monthly fee payable in arrears equal to 0.375 per cent of the value of the Company's total assets (excluding the value of its investment in any dealing subsidiaries) less its current liabilities (other than bank borrowings). The Agreement is deemed to commence on 21st December 1989 and is terminable on two years' notice expiring on or at any time after the third anniversary of its commencement; and

(c) a Management Agreement dated 29th November 1989 between ASIT Dealings Limited and the Manager whereby the Manager has agreed to act as investment manager and Secretary to ASIT Dealings Limited for the following fees (i) a six monthly fee payable in arrears equal to 0.5 per cent of the value of the company's total assets less its current liabilities (other than bank borrowings) and (ii) an annual incentive fee payable in arrears equal to 15 per cent of the amount by which the pre-tax, pre-interest profits of ASIT Dealings Limited for the relevant period exceed the amount calculated by applying an interest rate equal to the aggregate of 5 per cent and the average of the daily base rates of National Westminster Bank PLC over the relevant period to the value of the assets less current liabilities (other than bank borrowings) of ASIT Dealings Limited at the beginning of the relevant period. The Agreement is deemed to commence on 21st December 1989 and is terminable on two years' notice expiring on or at any time after the third anniversary of its commencement.

10 General

(a) The principal place of business and registered office of the Company is at 45 Bloomsbury Square, London WC1A 2RA. The Company does not have, nor has it had since incorporation, any employees or, except as mentioned in paragraph 5 above, subsidiaries.

(b) The Manager, J.S. Gadd, Skånska Banken, Merchant, Grundström & Partners Fondkommission AB and Bikuben Børs A/S are the promoters of the Company. Richard Granville, Peter Engström, Arne Björhn and Hans Tornberg are required to account to their respective employers for the fees which they will receive as Directors of the Company. In addition, to the extent that any of the sponsors of the Offer perform services for the Manager in relation to the Company, they may receive fees from the Manager payable out of the fees paid to the Manager by the Company. Skånska Banken, Merchant, Grundström & Partners Fondkommission AB and Bikuben Børs A/S will receive sub underwriting commissions and fees payable by J.S. Gadd out of its underwriting commission of up to an aggregate of £400,000, part of which may be paid on by them to intermediaries in Sweden and Denmark introducing subscribers for Ordinary Shares (with Warrants). Save as disclosed in this paragraph and in paragraph 9 above, no amount or benefit has been paid or given to the promoters and none is intended to be paid or given.

(c) Neither the Company nor ASIT Dealings Limited is engaged in any litigation or arbitration and no litigation or claim is known to the Directors to be pending or threatened against either such Company.

(d) Peat Marwick McLintock have given and have not withdrawn their written consent to the issue of this document with the inclusion herein of their report in the form and context in which it is included.

(e) Save as disclosed in this Part 3 there has been no significant change in the trading or financial position of the Company since its incorporation.

(f) It is the intention of the Directors to conduct the affairs of the Company so that it satisfies the requirements for qualification as an investment company under Section 266 of the Companies Act 1985 and the Company has given notice to the Registrar of Companies of its intention to carry on business as an investment company pursuant to that Section.

(g) The expenses of and incidental to the Offer and listing of the Ordinary Shares (with Warrants) including registration and listing fees, printing, advertising and distribution costs, underwriting commission payable to J.S. Gadd and legal and accounting fees, are estimated to amount to £803,000 (exclusive of Value Added Tax) and are payable by the Company. After Value Added Tax, the net proceeds of the Offer, estimated to amount to approximately £19.2m, will be available for investment by the Company.

(h) J.S. Gadd, the underwriter of the Offer, is a member of The Securities Association Limited and of The Stock Exchange.

11 Documents for inspection

Copies of the following documents will be available for inspection at the offices of Linklaters & Paines, Barrington House, 59-67 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7JA and of Advokatfirman Vinge, Smalandsgatan 20, Stockholm, Sweden during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays and public holidays excepted) for 14 days from the date of this document:

(a) the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company;

(b) the deed poll dated 28th November 1989 constituting the Warrants;

(c) the report of Peat Marwick McLintock;

(d) the material contracts referred to in paragraph 9 above; and

(e) the consent letter referred to in paragraph 10(d) above.

PART 4

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

1. The contract created by the acceptance of applications in the manner herein set out will be conditional on the admission of the Ordinary Shares and Warrants to the Official List and the Unregistered Securities List of the Stockholm Stock Exchange. If any application is not accepted, or if any contract created by acceptance does not become unconditional, or if any application is accepted for fewer Ordinary Shares (with Warrants) than the number applied for, the application moneys or the balance of the amount paid on application will be returned without interest by post at the risk of the applicant. In the meantime application moneys will be retained in a separate account by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (in the case of applications made in the United Kingdom) and Skånska Banken (in the case of applications made in Sweden).

2. The Company reserves the right to present all cheques and bankers' drafts for payment on receipt and to retain share and warrant certificates and surplus application moneys pending clearance of the successful applicants' cheques.

3. By completing and delivering an Application Form you (as the applicant(s)):

(a) offer to subscribe for the number of Ordinary Shares (with Warrants) specified in your Application Form (or any smaller number for which the application is accepted) at 100p per Ordinary Share subject to the Listing Particulars, these terms and conditions and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company;

(b) authorise The Royal Bank of Scotland plc to send definitive certificates for the number of Ordinary Shares and Warrants for which your application is accepted, and/or a crossed cheque for any moneys returnable, by post to your address (or that of the first-named applicant) as set out in your Application Form and to procure that your name (together with the name(s) of any joint applicant(s)) is placed on the register of members of the Company in respect of such Ordinary Shares and on the register of Warrantholders in respect of such Warrants;

(c) in consideration of the Company agreeing that it will not, prior to 20th December 1989, offer any Ordinary Shares (with Warrants) to any persons other than by means of the procedures set out in the Listing Particulars, agree that your application may not be revoked until after 20th December 1989 and that this paragraph constitutes a collateral contract between you and the Company which will become binding upon despatch by post or delivery of your Application Form duly completed to any of the places specified in the Notes on How to Complete the Application Form;

(d) warrant that your remittance will be honoured on first presentation;

(e) agree that any moneys returnable to you may be retained pending clearance of your remittance and that such moneys will not bear interest;

(f) agree that all applications, acceptances of applications and contracts resulting therefrom will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law and that you submit to the jurisdiction of the English courts;

(g) warrant that, if you sign the Application Form on behalf of another party, or on behalf of a corporation, you have due authority to do so and undertake to enclose your power of attorney or a copy thereof duly certified by a solicitor where required by the Notes on How to Complete the Application Form;

(h) agree that, in respect of those Ordinary Shares (with Warrants) for which your application has been received and processed and not refused, acceptance of your application shall be constituted, at the discretion of the Company, either (i) by notice to The Stock Exchange of the basis of allocation (in which case such acceptance shall be on that basis) or (ii) notification of acceptance thereof to The Royal Bank of Scotland plc;

(i) agree that all documents in connection with the Offer and any returned moneys will be sent at your risk and may be sent by post to you at your address (or, in the case of joint applicants, the address of the first-named applicant) as set out in the Application Form;

(j) agree that, having had the opportunity to read the Listing Particulars, you shall be deemed to have had notice of all information and representations concerning the Company contained therein;

(k) confirm that in making such application you are not relying on any information or representation in relation to the Company other than those contained in the Listing Particulars and you accordingly agree that no person responsible solely or jointly for the Listing Particulars or any part thereof will have any liability for any such other information or representation;

(l) confirm that you have reviewed the restrictions contained in paragraph 5 below and warrant as provided therein; and

(m) acknowledge that the Company may satisfy your application for Ordinary Shares by procuring the transfer to you of issued Ordinary Shares in the capital of the Company, but otherwise on the same terms as set out above.

4. No person receiving a copy of the Listing Particulars or an Application Form in any territory other than the UK may treat the same as constituting an invitation or offer to him, nor should he in any event use such Application Form unless, in the relevant territory, such an invitation or offer could lawfully be made to him or such Application Form could lawfully be used without contravention of any registration or other legal requirements. It is the responsibility of any person outside the UK wishing to make an application hereunder to satisfy himself as to full observance of the laws of any relevant territory in connection therewith, including obtaining any requisite governmental or other consents, observing any other formalities requiring to be observed in such territory and paying any issue, transfer or other taxes required to be paid in such territory.

5. The Ordinary Shares and Warrants have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933. The Ordinary Shares and Warrants may not be offered, sold, renounced, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to any US Person. Persons subscribing for Ordinary Shares (with Warrants) shall be deemed, and (unless the Company is satisfied that Ordinary Shares can be allotted without breach of United States securities laws) persons subscribing for Ordinary Shares in connection with the exercise of Warrants shall be required, to represent and warrant to the Company that they are not US Persons and that they are not subscribing for such Ordinary Shares or Warrants for the account of any US Person and will not offer, sell, renounce, transfer or deliver, directly or indirectly, such Ordinary Shares or Warrants in the United States or to any US Person. As used herein, "United States" means the United States of America (including each of the States and the District of Columbia), its territories or possessions or other areas subject to its jurisdiction and "US Person" means any person who is a citizen or resident of the United States, a corporation, partnership or other entity created or organised in or under the laws of the United States or an estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income.

6. The basis of allocation will be determined by the Company. The right is reserved, notwithstanding the basis so determined, to reject in whole or in part and/or scale down any application. The right is reserved to treat as valid any application not in all respects completed in accordance with the instructions accompanying the Application Form.

7. Save where the context requires otherwise, terms defined in the Listing Particulars bear the same meaning when used in these Terms and Conditions of Application and in the Application Form.

AVAILABILITY OF LISTING PARTICULARS

Copies of the Listing Particulars and Application Forms can be obtained during normal business hours up to and including 13th December 1989 from the following:

SG Investment Management Limited,
45 Bloomsbury Square
London
WC1A 2RA

Skånska Banken
205 40 Malmö
Sweden

Bikuben Børs A/S
3 Landgreven
Copenhagen
Denmark

Neilson Milnes Limited
Martins Building
4 Water Street
Liverpool L2 3UF

Merchant, Grundström & Partners
Box 7794
103 96 Stockholm
Sweden

In addition, copies of the Listing Particulars can be obtained, by collection only, for two business days from the date hereof from The Company Announcements Office, The International Stock Exchange, 46 Finsbury Square, London EC2.

29th November 1989

APPLICATION FORM

NOTES ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

ALL APPLICANTS

SHOULD READ NOTES 1-5

IMPORTANT –
BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, YOU SHOULD READ THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES

1 Fill in (in figures) the number of Ordinary Shares (with Warrants) for which you wish to apply.

Your application must be for a minimum of 1,000 shares or in one of the following multiples:

From 1,000 to 3,000 shares	in multiples of 250 shares
From 3,000 to 10,000 shares	in multiples of 500 shares
From 10,000 to 50,000 shares	in multiples of 1,000 shares
above 50,000 *shares*	in multiples of *5,000 shares*

2 Fill in (in figures) the amount payable at 100p per share.

This should be for the number of shares applied for multiplied by 100p.

3 Fill in (in block capitals) the full name and address of the person applying for shares.

If this application is being made jointly with other persons, please read Note 6 before completing Box 3.

4 The applicant named in Box 3 must date and sign Box 4.

The Application Form may be signed by another person on your behalf if that person is duly authorised to do so under a power of attorney. The power of attorney (or a copy duly certified by a solicitor) must be enclosed for inspection.

A corporation should sign under the hand of a duly authorised official, whose representative capacity must be stated.

5 Pin a cheque or banker's draft for the exact amount shown in Box 2 to your completed Application Form. Your cheque or bankers' draft must be made payable to Royal Bank of Scotland and crossed "Not Negotiable".

Your payment must relate solely to this application. No receipt will be issued.

Your cheque or banker's draft must be drawn in sterling on an account at a bank branch in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man and must bear a United Kingdom bank sort code number in the top right hand corner.

If you do not have a cheque account, you can obtain a cheque from your *building society or bank branch.*

An application may be accompanied by a cheque drawn by someone other than the applicant(s), but any moneys returned will be sent by cheque crossed "Not Negotiable" in favour of the first-named applicant.

NOTE 6 SHOULD BE READ BY JOINT APPLICANTS

6 You may apply jointly with up to three other persons. Boxes 3 and 4 must be completed by one applicant. All other persons who wish to join in the application must complete and sign Box 6.

Another person may sign on behalf of any joint applicant if that other person is duly authorised to do so under a power of attorney. The power of attorney (or a copy duly certified by a solicitor) must be enclosed for inspection.

Cheques and other correspondence will be sent to the address in Box 3.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DELIVERY OF COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS

Completed Application Forms should be sent by post or delivered to The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Registrars Department, PO Box 451, Owen House, 8 Bankhead Crossway North, Edinburgh EH11 4TG so as to be received not later than 10.00 a.m. on 13th December 1989. If you post your Application Form, you are recommended to use first class post and to allow at least two days for delivery.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE BOXES 1 TO 5

I/We offer to subscribe for | See Note 1 Ordinary Shares (with Warrants) | 1

in Anglo Scandinavian Investment Trust PLC at 100p per Ordinary Share on and subject to the Terms and Conditions of Application set out in the Listing Particulars dated 29th November 1989

and I/we attach a cheque or bankers' draft for the amount payable of | £ See Note 2 | 2

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

MR MRS MISS OR TITLE	FORENAME(S) (IN FULL) See Note 3	3
SURNAME		
ADDRESS (IN FULL)		
	POSTCODE	

DATED 1989	SIGNATURE See Note 4	4

PIN YOUR CHEQUE OR BANKERS' DRAFT FOR THE EXACT AMOUNT SHOWN IN BOX 2 MADE PAYABLE TO "ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND" AND CROSSED "NOT NEGOTIABLE" | 5

BOX 6 MUST ONLY BE COMPLETED BY JOINT APPLICANTS (See Note 6)

MR MRS MISS OR TITLE	MR MRS MISS OR TITLE	MR MRS MISS OR TITLE	6
FORENAMES (IN FULL)	FORENAMES (IN FULL)	FORENAMES (IN FULL)	
SURNAME	SURNAME	SURNAME	
ADDRESS (IN FULL)	ADDRESS (IN FULL)	ADDRESS (IN FULL)	
POSTCODE	POSTCODE	POSTCODE	
SIGNATURE	SIGNATURE	SIGNATURE	

For Official Use Only.

i. Allotment Number
ii. Shares Allotted
iii. Amount Received
iv. Amount Payable
v. Amount Returned
vi. Cheque Number

Cards to get smart with

A sophisticated plastic friend has resurfaced. Caroline Berman outlines two trials it is undergoing



For use at leisure: a member finds the card an asset at a country club in a Barclays Bank trial

Whatever happened to smart cards? They have been with us since the mid-1970s but have never made much impact on the market. Have they missed their chance or are they still waiting for their time?

A smart card is credit card size, with a built-in computer memory chip that allows it to store a variety of information. It is activated when it is placed in a special terminal.

There are also the so-called super-smart cards, a later development, which do not need to be placed in a computer. They have a built-in display and a keypad, and so are more like tiny computers.

Smart cards can be used for various purposes, from collecting motorway tolls – just place the card in your car window and drive past – and tracking the progress of containers on ships, to storing medical histories and buying telephone or bus tokens.

Pilot trials are being conducted all over the world, although the market is still tiny. The exception is in France, where smart cards have been distributed by the million in several government-backed schemes. Norway also uses them widely.

Price is one obstacle. The cards cost up to £15 to manufacture compared with less than £1 for the magnetic stripe cards.

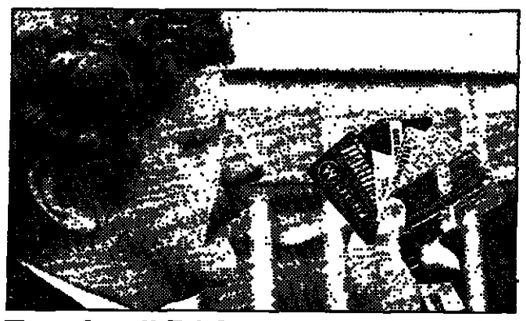
Most British banks are already using smart cards internally, to ensure secure access into their networks, says Sali Berrisford, a consultant with the Computer Management Group. "They get an immediate return by using smart cards in this way," she says. Smart cards can be used to authenticate access to a computer network or terminal – the user might key in a personal identification number (PIN) that is authenticated by the card.

Computer security is a growing market for smart cards. Computers usually have a built-in password, which anyone who knows it can use. But every individual's PIN number and security level are built into a smart card. The holder can place the card on a special pad and enter the PIN number. This allows a non-secure terminal to be used in a secure network.

For extra security, biometric methods can be used – this can include vein prints of wrists, retina prints or hand prints. These can be stored in a digitized pattern on the card and matched with the human version at a smart card terminal. However, Berrisford believes banks are not keen to replace the magnetic stripe cards while there is still a lot of mileage in the present system.

The banks see the smart card as expensive technology, looking at the costs of the card and the network they would need to set up, rather than what they could make out of the services added to the card.

Two small-scale trials are being carried out by British banks. Barclays is running a trial at the Dallington Country Club in the Midlands, where members have smart cards for buying sports items and refreshments and gaining 24-hour access. The card, made by Bull Information Systems, also contains a program of the holders' fitness records.



The way forward? Chris Stanford sees market opportunities

The Midland is conducting a trial at Loughborough University, in which students can use a GEC card to pay for goods at 18 retail outlets on the campus.

GEC started work seriously on the smart cards in 1985, but Chris Stanford, marketing manager of GEC Card Technology, admits the market has been relatively slow to take off. Fewer than 100 terminals for the card have been sold.

"There are new market opportunities in many areas, but we expect it to be the mid-1990s before it really catches on," Stanford says.

Roy Bright helped the American company Smartcard International with its marketing in Europe for the super-smart card it developed two years ago. But now, as Bright euphemistically puts it, the company is "re-locating its strategy". Smartcard International had developed the Ulti-card, one of the first in the world to incorporate a keyboard and display. It is now redesigning and redeveloping the card with 14 keys instead of 20.

The super-smart card was used in a trial by Thomas Cook, which crammed five or six applications on to it. There were two uses of information databases, two types of financial transactions, including travellers' cheques, and facilities for keeping ledgers and expense accounts.

"Smart cards are faced with a problem," Bright says. "People see them merely as a replacement for the magnetic stripe card, but this is not economically viable. They would need to be used more intelligently if they were to replace credit cards."

Bright says people should ask how they can create new services to exploit the card's capability and cost-justify it. He believes most of the trials for smart cards world-wide are too narrowly based and he has written a book on the subject.

For example, he says using the cards to pay tolls is a limited approach. It involves using only a single function, the electronic identification, and passing the funds to cover the toll fees.

"People have not exploited the capabilities of using intelligence with smart cards," says Bright, who thinks they will not start to be used properly for at least five years. It took six years to get to the current stage of electronic funds transfer, so they won't replace it with smart cards."

He believes the core application for smart cards could be the financial transactions – credit or debit. If the banks are offering this to customers they could also offer additional services to their clients. As well as having financial uses, they could store medical information about the holder.

The new-found healer that comes naturally

The genetic path to treatments is described by Pearce Wright

The race is reaching a climax to achieve the first multi-billion-pound products from discoveries in biotechnology and recombinant DNA technology – genetic engineering.

Successes have been achieved in applications with genetically engineered versions of established substances such as insulin for treating diabetes and agents for preventing blood clots.

But the greatest excitement surrounds a new approach to the treatment of a vast range of diseases. It follows two decades of research in molecular biology and immunology. Instead of synthesizing thousands of new molecules in the chemical laboratory in the hope of discovering one with a useful pharmaceutical property, the new treatments come from employing substances made by the body. The aim is to stimulate the body itself to generate these molecules or to engineer micro-organisms genetically to produce them in fermentation tanks. The substance is extracted, purified and packaged as a therapeutic agent in a capsule or an injection fluid.

One of the latest examples is the discovery, at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research in Melbourne, Australia, of the potential use of leukaemia inhibitory factor, LIF, for treating osteoporosis, the brittle bone condition, for healing of bone fractures, and as a chemotherapy for leukaemia.

The production of LIF is being developed in a £750,000 Melbourne laboratory opened last week by AMRAD, a biotechnology company formed by a group of industrialists in conjunction with the Victoria state government.

LIF is only one of a remarkable family of substances in blood serum called colony-stimulating factors, CSFs. Some of the most talented research groups in Europe, North America and Japan are experimenting with different members of this family of hormone-like agents to create new ways of treating disorders including Aids and cancer.

The breakthrough at the Hall Institute was made last year by a group working with Dr Nicholas Gough and Dr David Gearing, who cloned, or reproduced in cell cultures, the gene regulating LIF production. But Gough describes it as the culmination of 23 years' work started by Professor Donald Metcalf, at the Hall Institute, and Professor Ray Bradley, from Melbourne University's physiology department, who showed that normal blood serum contained factors necessary for bone marrow to do its job.

Bone marrow has an incredible capacity to pump out billions of red and white blood cells to replace cells as they wear out. But it was difficult to study this function of bone marrow, and bone marrow-related diseases such as leukaemia, in the laboratory because it stubbornly refused to produce billions of blood cells in a test tube culture.

Metcalf's team discovered that an ingredient, a biochemical factor contained in blood serum, was needed to stimulate the marrow.

Subsequent research in many laboratories showed that serum contained a large number of "colonizing factors" essential for many parts of the healthy development of the body's biochemistry. But the Melbourne group focused particularly on the factor stimulating the bone marrow, LIF. Two years ago Dr Doug Hilton and Dr Nicos Nicola, at the Hall Institute, purified LIF and worked out its chemical structure. Gough's team then isolated and cloned the gene that regulates LIF production.

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Tied down by slowdown

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The property market slowdown is discouraging hi-tech staff from moving house when they move jobs (*Caroline Berman writes*). Opportunities outside commuting distance are therefore being turned down. In information technology, where fast job changes are common, it is another problem for companies with skills shortages.

A candidate of computer recruitment consultants James Baker Associates accepted a job outside London and started work, commuting weekly while looking for a new house. After a short time he realized the difficulties, failed to sell his house and decided to return to his former employers.

James Baker, the consultants' managing director, says: "It's not unusual for people to have their house on the market for six months and only two people come to see it. The price comes down the longer it is on the market and eventually it is not worth selling."

Recruitment agencies are encouraging candidates to apply for jobs that are much further away than they would previously have considered. Improvements in road and rail links have helped this trend.

The M25 has changed commuting by encouraging people to travel far greater distances around London. Somebody three miles from the M25 on one side of London may work the same distance from the motorway on the other side. "People will now commute between north and south of London, or east and west," Baker says. One candidate he placed lives in Harrow and works in Reigate.

Although information technology companies usually offer good relocation packages, it is so difficult to move that people are still unwilling to accept offers. Somebody commuting a long way instead of taking up a relocation deal is losing both ways.

Baker advises information technology companies to offer a relocation package but to leave the offer open for a while, say, to within 18 months or two years of joining. "This is acceptable to many companies," Baker says.

Conrad Hills, a recruitment consultant at Sloangate, is finding that information technology jobs outside London, in such places as Swindon, Wiltshire, and Kettering and Corby, Northamptonshire, are much easier to fill. He says: "London used to be the place where computer people wanted to work, if they could afford to move there. And once they were in they were more or less trapped since it was hard to justify moving out. Now that has changed."

However, Baker believes that professional computer people are still attracted to London and the south-east because there are more jobs and more opportunities at higher salaries.

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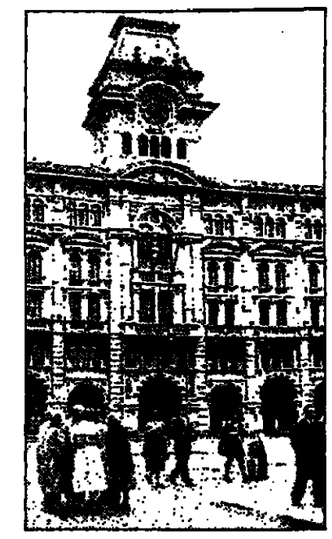
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A region born with two souls

Trieste's merchants and Friuli's farmers have created one of Italy's richest areas. John Earle reports



New empire?: Trieste's fountains and harbour echo its stately past and contribution to culture, while Adriano Biasutti, the region's premier, forecasts an even stronger role for the area in the future



Community spirit: Trieste's town hall in the Piazza Unità D'Italia

This region of 1.3 million people in the north-east corner of Italy, is remarkable for two characteristics: its political stability and a pioneer role in drawing back the Iron Curtain. It is one of five special regions (with Sicily, Sardinia, Val d'Aosta and Trentino-Alto Adige), set up in 1964, which have greater autonomy than others in Italy. In 25 years it has had only three premiers, all Christian Democrats, the last being Adriano Biasutti, who has been in office since 1984.

There have been several government reshuffles, says 48-year-old Biasutti, who heads a centre-left administration. "But in this region, which has particular traditions, the political battle has always been waged according to standards of sufficient civility."

There has been a proliferation of local political groupings, but equilibrium has been maintained, despite two upheavals in the mid-1970s, the Friuli earthquake and the Osimo agreement, which settled issues with Yugoslavia but upset a section of Trieste opinion. "We hope we can preserve this diversity and this political climate, even though it may not be easy," he says.

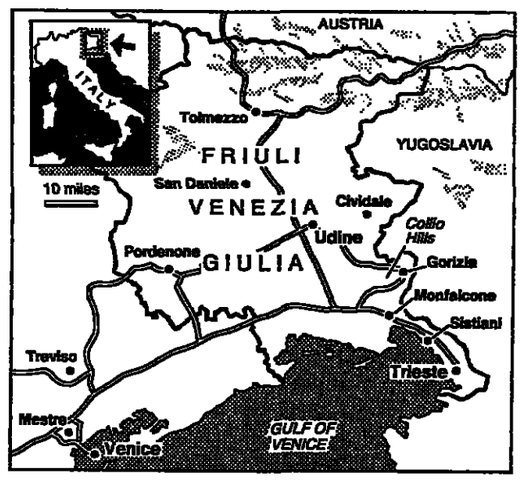
At the time of its establishment, many saw Friuli-Venezia-Giulia (FVG for short) as an unnatural marriage between the merchants of Trieste and the farmers of Friuli. It was, in Biasutti's phrase, "born with two souls". Because it is on the edge of Italy, it "was more or less abandoned by the country and needed infrastructure, transport links, such as roads and railways, and everything required for the backbone of an economy wanting to grow. Above all, it felt the weight of a closed frontier, the iron curtain," says Biasutti.

FVC has now made great progress and its problems have been largely resolved. Thanks to its autonomous status, the region can pass laws supporting the local economy. "But without our special autonomy, we probably would not have made it," Biasutti stresses. "Without seeming presumptuous, we believe we have helped to pull back the iron curtain. We have made a contribution, albeit modest, to overcoming the old concept of a Europe divided into two blocks."



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Population: 1,219,556
Geographical Area: 7,845 sq km
Regional Provinces (4): Trieste, Gorizia, Udine, Pordenone
Regional Capitals: Trieste 235,014
Udine 99,359
Pordenone 50,586
Gorizia 39,542
Regional Premier: Adriano Biasutti
Regional Government: Christian Democrats, Socialists, Social Democrats, Republicans (supported by Liberals and Unione Slovene)
Regional GDP: lire 22.8 billion
Per capita GDP: lire 18.8 million (rest of Italy lire 17.08 million)
Unemployment (1988): 8.4 per cent (rest of Italy 12 per cent)
Regional growth 1987 over 1986: 8.3 per cent (incl inflation)



The region, where the wounds of two world wars this century are still remembered, started to develop cross-border collaboration more than 10 years ago. This process began between FVG, Slovenia in Yugoslavia and Carinthia in Austria, the core of what has become the working community of Alpe-Adria. Other regions joined later. Is this looking back to an Austro-Hungarian empire arrangement? "Maybe," says Biasutti, "nevertheless we want it to be an experience turned towards the future."

The community's originality lies in its collaboration between local units (regions, republics, "laender", provinces or counties) in different political orientations; Nato and European Community, non-aligned (Yugoslavia), neutral (Austria), and Warsaw Pact and Comecon. The members are FVG, Veneto, Lombardy, Trentino-Alto Adige (Italy), Bavaria (West Germany), Slovenia, Croatia (Yugoslavia), Carinthia, Styria, Upper Austria, Salzburg, Burgenland (Austria), Gyor-Sopron, Vas, Zala, Somogy, Baranya (Hungary). In addition, Montenegro in Yugoslavia has applied for membership.

This community has been growing at increasing speed and, although Biasutti did not say so, it faces problems in ensuring cohesion and efficiency. "Alpe-Adria is a very concrete and active organization, which has the advantage of being the forerunner in the great developments in (eastern) Europe today," says Biasutti. "It has helped its eastern participants to realize they should move away from outdated economic structures towards a market system."

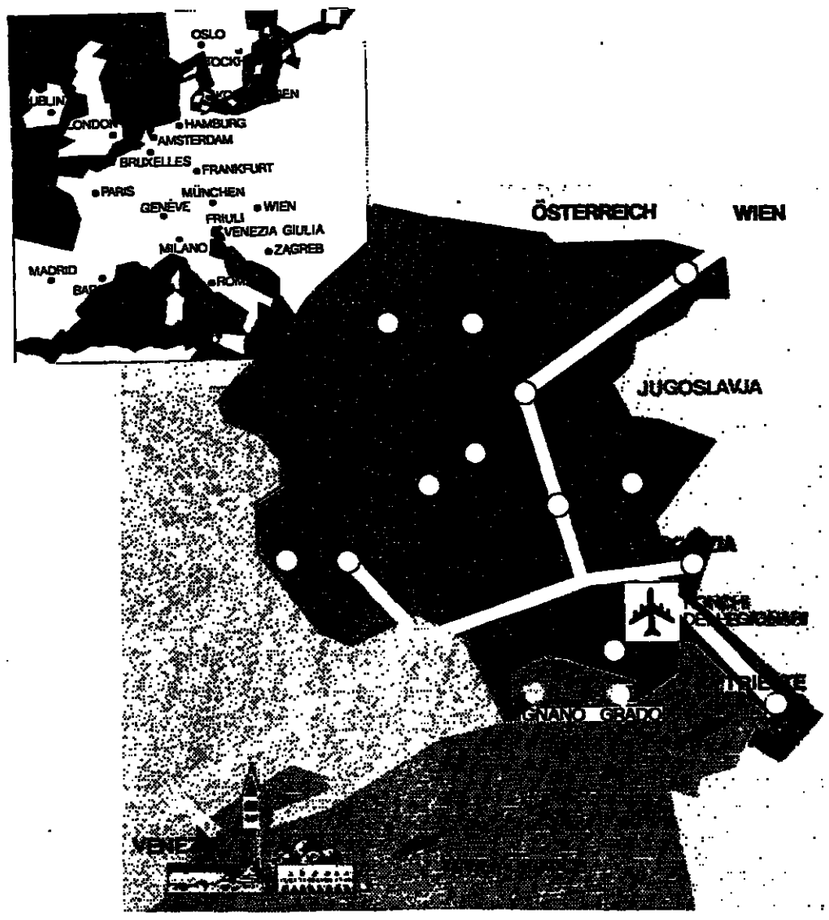
As examples of Alpe-Adria's activities, he cites the formation of an Italo-Yugoslav company to build motorways; the management by FVG, on behalf of Alpe-Adria, of an Adriatic sea observatory to monitor the algae threat; the formulation of a common policy for protecting the Alps and moves to integrate transport networks. FVG has also proposed "opening a technological window in the Soviet Union" — Alpe-Adria firms would join in offering modern technology. Other business initiatives are underway in the Soviet Union, Bulgaria and Poland.

An economic mission from FVG was sent Soviet Armenia to promote earthquake reconstruction projects while other business initiatives are underway in the Soviet Union, Bulgaria and Poland. Biasutti hopes the Rome parliament will soon approve a government bill granting support to Italian border areas, which he sees as offering opportunities for further economic penetration in eastern Europe.

The concept of "a Europe of the regions" is spreading at a time when the future pattern of Europe is still unclear, and Friuli-Venezia Giulia sees itself in the centre of this process.

An active role in the history and economy of Europe

950.000 inhabitants in the three provinces of the Friuli region, with Udine as its heart; 61.000 companies, 41.000 of which are located in the Province of Udine - almost all small or medium sized, with a few exceptions of international fame and dimensions; exports of 2.400 billion lire and imports of 1.200 billion lire; the lowest inflation rate in Italy and one of the highest per capita incomes in the country.
This brief summary is illustrated and expanded in Made in Friuli, the image campaign launched a few years ago by the Udine Chamber of Commerce under the intelligent and able direction of its President, Gianni Bravo.
Aimed at illustrating, under one heading, the overall view of Friuli's capacity intertwined with its history, art and culture.
Territorial agreement gave Friuli borders with Austria, not a member of the E.E.C., and with Yugoslavia, a non-aligned country with an Eastern-Bloc-type planned economy. This has undoubtedly increased the geopolitical and economic importance of the area.
Made in Friuli:
a simple concept, almost obvious and at the same time complex, just as this land is simple and complex, rich in humours and values, which even in its geographic exiguity, modelled itself in the course of history on glorious, irrepeatable and tragic events. In this small corner which is Friuli, during the course of many centuries, three civilisations confronted one another: the Latin-Mediterranean, the German and the Slavic. History caused the Friulan people to model and organise their lives, their method of measuring up to the rest of the world, their culture, their civilisation, resulting in an extraordinary synthesis: presumably this is what happens to a diamond in the visceral depths of the earth. History is almost never an idyll and that of Friuli even less. Wars, invasions, natural disasters: it has not been easy to be and remain Friulan, to defend with pain and bloodshed our "individuality", which really means our identity. The miracle was only possible because every time a catastrophe struck, a great moral force was triggered off in the people and a willpower to start anew, highlighting the atavistic virtues of industriousness, honesty and earnestness, the most precious elements of the historical and cultural heritage of Friuli. These are the elements which distinguish the "Made in Friuli"; that is, all the Friulan people do in their work, in science, in technology, in art, in culture and in the social and territorial organisation. Today the Friulan "product" is therefore in a position to assert itself on international markets because of its sophisticated technology, never divorced from the proverbial dowry of concreteness, precision and a vivid imagination which is typical of the artisan heritage. Friuli has become modern enterprising, open to the European markets and to the rest of the world, but at the same time it has remained deeply rooted to some of its ancient values. In Friuli, work and creativity, highly advanced technology and an almost religious respect for the environment cohabit in an enviable equilibrium. "Made in Friuli" is not a slogan, but a reality. This reality is also made up of an industrial, artisan and food and wine production whose typicalness is unique because it carries the seal of a cultural and moral dimension which also expresses itself through the obstinate preservation of many magnificent works of art and a nature which, from the mountains to the hills, from the plains to the sea, has been maintained splendidly intact.



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Bid to regain lost glory

Trieste has seen more splendid days, but, as **John Earle** reports, it is uniquely placed in the Europe of the Nineties

A few days ago the good old times returned briefly to Trieste, when the San Marco café, with new marble-topped tables and brass coat rails, reopened after refurbishment. The atmosphere was that of imperial Austro-Hungary, thanks to the presence at the ceremony of owners of leading cafés in Vienna, Budapest and Venice.

The San Marco was always a hub of intellectual life. Besides its commercial eminence, Trieste has a strong literary tradition, which also embraced foreign residents, such as James Joyce and consul Richard Burton, the explorer and Arabist.

Are the *Triestini* sunk in their past and unable to keep up with the times? This might seem so from the high incidence of suicides and madness, which has, at least, yielded a progressive school of psychiatrists. The visitor finds dirty streets, a lack of parking facilities and closed doors at the Revoltella Museum. This was the town house, furnished in style, of Baron Pasquale Revoltella, vice-chairman, under De Lesseps, of the Suez Canal Company, an enterprise that owes more to Trieste than is generally known.

Certainly, the economy was founded on activities that have seen better days. Passenger shipping, shipbuilding and engineering, for example. Others hold their own. Stock, the city's biggest private company, is one of Italy's leading distillers of brandy and spirits. Assicurazioni Generali, among Europe's top insurance groups, is aggressively preparing for 1992.

Franco Richetti, the Christian Democrat mayor of Trieste, admits that his city of 240,000 has undergone a crisis of identity, although he points to a recent magazine survey putting Trieste third among Italian cities for quality of living. Bank deposits are high, swollen, admittedly, by the savings of a large retired population.

Nevertheless, he concedes, the city lacks entrepreneurial spirit. "People tend to save, rather than invest." He says two developments in particular call for a stronger local response.

First, the emergence of a science centre. Second, improved motorway and rail communications, to move Trieste to a springboard



Richetti: calling for enterprise

position for the business opportunities coming up in Eastern Europe. "It is up to us to ensure that the trade channels pass through Trieste. That is our challenge."

Changes are under way and there is discussion about the port's future. Traffic is still disappointing – Luigi Rovelli, port authority general manager, says it was down from 42 million tons at the end of the 1970s to 26 million last year, of which 20 million was crude oil for the pipeline to Austria and West Germany.

Trieste offers various incentives for new businesses. But its advantage lies in being the only free port in the south of the European Community, where goods may be unloaded, stored, processed, sold, re-exported without customs duty imposed. Duty on goods need not be paid until 180 days after entering the Community. Labour relations with the 1,700 dockers are good – "the only Italian port", says Rovelli, "where conflict is forgotten." It is the biggest Mediterranean port for handling coffee, and is important for citrus fruit, cotton and timber. Construction is nearly finished on doubling the size of the container terminal, which is expected to be the most modern in Europe.

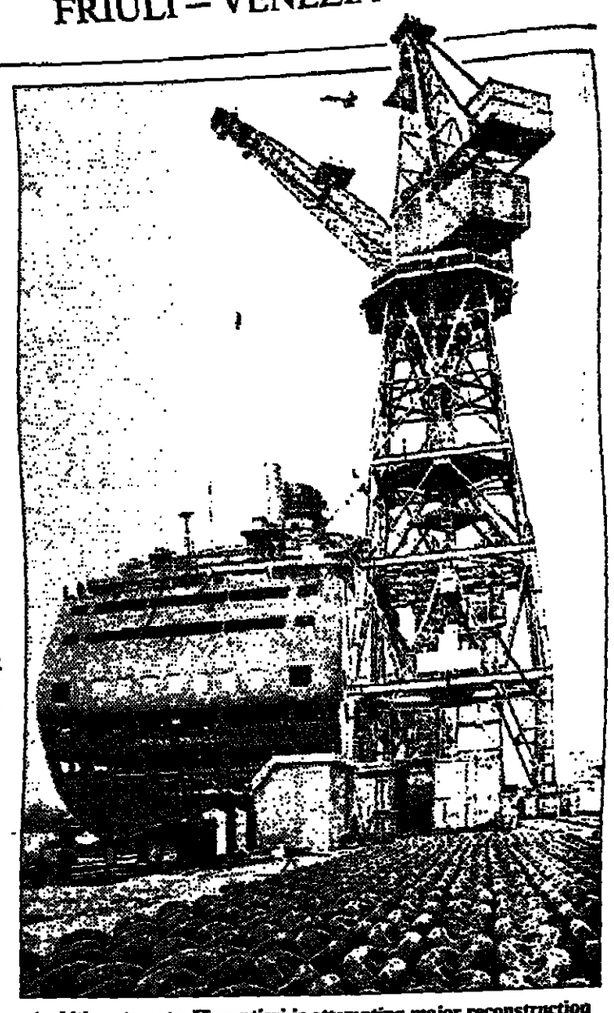
But much of the so-called old port is a desolate sight, with derelict warehouses. For years there has been talk of a project called Polis, which is backed by such companies as Assicurazioni Generali and Fiat, to transform this into a free port services area, including insurance, offshore banking and a world trade centre.

In shipbuilding, Trieste is headquarters of the state-owned Fincantieri, dominant with 70 per cent of national capacity. Besides a yard in Trieste and others outside, Fincantieri says it has Europe's most efficient as well as biggest yard at Monfalcone, 19 miles to the west. Of Fincantieri's 20,000 workforce, 6,500 have jobs in the region.

As elsewhere, shipbuilding is in difficulties, and Fincantieri is in the midst of reconstruction to try to stem its losses. But the company's spokesman, Marco Ferranti, says there are positive signs. The company is building two big cruise liners for P&O, of which the first, Crown Princess, was recently launched at Monfalcone. Other orders include two 260,000-ton ore carriers.

Looking further ahead, Ferranti says Fincantieri is engaged on an exciting, ambitious lira 130 billion (£62 million) project with Spanish and West German partners for a prototype of a flexible and completely automated shipyard. It will take five years. "If successful, it will revolutionize world shipbuilding."

Even if Trieste will never relive its past glories, the horizon is not entirely dark.



Ambitious targets: Fincantieri is attempting major reconstruction



Cleaning up: making washing machine drums at the Zanussi factory

Peace spells power to the people

A region which for centuries was a bloody battleground for many warring nations is now winning the fight for exports

The British must be one of the few nations never to have battled and looted their way through Friuli, although they did send troops to back the Italian army after its defeat at Caporetto in 1917, (*writes John Earle*). "For centuries, Friuli endured continuous raids and invasions by the Hungarians, Turks, Slavs, Germans and Austrians, French Cossacks and Mongols," says Gianni Bravo, president of the Udine Chamber of Commerce.

Living on a battle ground offered the Friulians – a people with a strong identity and a dialect so far from Italian as to be virtually a language – the alternatives of a precarious existence on the land or emigration. Emigrants, or their descendents, number nearly six million against the one million who stayed at home. One of the better-known Friulians abroad, Bravo says, is the head of Glaxo, Sir Paul Girolami.

A reserved people, and industrious, the Friulians have long had business links abroad, particularly with eastern Europe. Among their achievements, Bravo recalls the building of bridges and sections of the Transiberian Railway, of Moscow's Pushkin Museum and of Budapest's sewers.

Now, nearly half a century of peace has enabled their talents to flourish at home. From one of the lowest per capita incomes in Italy, he points out, it has risen to lire 16 million (£7,600), one of the highest. The Friuli plain lies north-east of Venice, astride a natural gateway from the East, and is dotted with small factories and workshops. The area took only a few years to rebuild after its 1976 earthquake.

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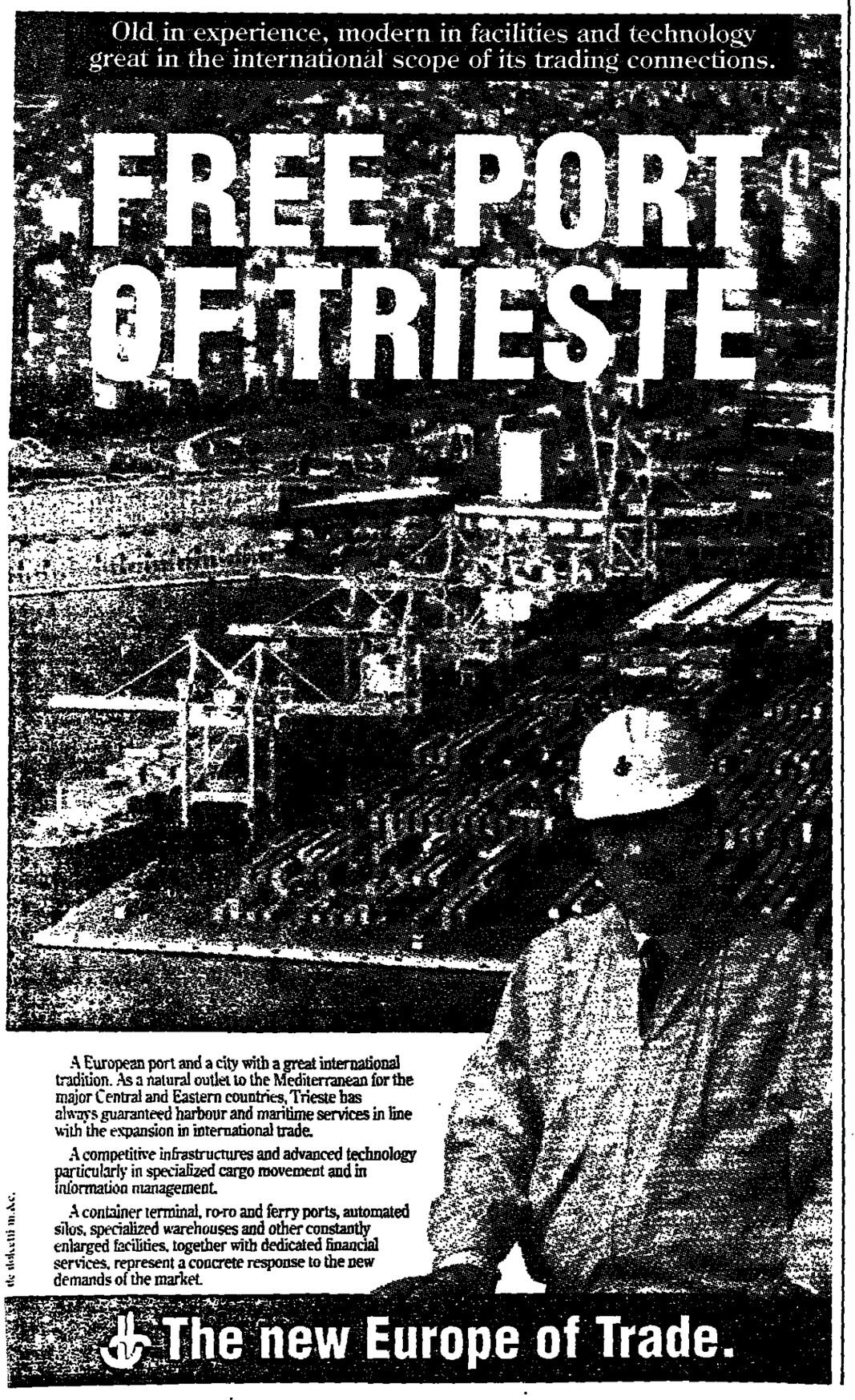
household appliance maker, Zanussi of Pordenone, employs nearly 16,000 people, 7,800 of them in the region. It is untypical, being part of a multi-national – Sweden's Electrolux – but it started, like many others, as a family business, until growth out-paced the Zanussi family's resources and they had to sell out.

Swedish management techniques have rescued the company, which showed a healthy lire 105 billion (£50 million) net profit last year, while lire 400 billion (£190 million) is being invested in automated plants for refrigerators and washing machines.

One family firm which ran into difficulties and required a rescue operation was Cogolo, said to be Europe's biggest tanner and known for the shoe-making plants it has supplied to the Soviet Union. But others show no signs of flagging; Danieli, run by Signora Cecilia Danieli, has built mini-steel mills in numerous countries. Exports are an important part of the sales of many companies, whether they be Solari airport clocks and information boards, knives from Maniago, marble from the Friuli uplands or – hopefully, since the US recently lifted food import restrictions – ham from San Daniele.

Above all, Friuli makes furniture. "We are the world capital of chair-making," says Bravo. "About 800 firms with an average of 20 workers each produce 70,000 chairs a day." They are concentrated in a triangle between three small towns, south-east of Udine, Manzaro, San Giovanni al Natisone and Corno di Rosazzo.

Friuli trades with 116 countries, exporting roughly lire 5,000 billion (£2.4 billion) worth of goods and services and imports half that amount. Some countries, such as Japan, China and Brazil have established what Bravo calls bridgeheads by setting up offices or forming joint ventures.





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Worldly wise: Professor Abdus Salam is realizing a long-held ambition

Trieste is becoming a scientific centre unique in Italy *(John Earle writes)*, thanks largely to the drive and inspiration of a determined Pakistani physicist. Last month, the Italian prime minister, Giulio Andreotti, flew to Trieste, to speak at the silver anniversary celebration of the International Centre for Theoretical Physics, headed since its foundation 25 years ago by Professor Abdus Salam, now 63 and a 1979 Nobel laureate.

Since 1964, nearly 40,000 scientists have visited the ICTP to attend workshops, seminars and courses or to carry out research. About 28,000 of the scientists come from developing countries. "The Third World is slowly waking up to the realization that science and technology are what distinguish the South from the North," Salam has written. "On science and technology depend the standards of living of a nation."

Salam, who is also professor of theoretical physics at Imperial College, London, realized this himself when he returned to Pakistan with a double first from the University of Cambridge and a doctorate from the Cavendish Laboratory. He felt intellectually in a desert.

Last summer, Salam was awarded an honorary knighthood (KBE), and while in Britain he talked to Mrs Thatcher about his latest plans.

These include spawning a worldwide network of 20 research centres, concentrating on high technology and the earth's environment. He has broached the topic of this network to a dozen heads of government, mostly from the Third World, as well as to the non-aligned summit in Belgrade in September.

For several years the professor has urged the extension of the work of the Trieste physics centre to other disciplines, with the result that a full-scale international centre for science is being created. It will include three new extensions: an international centre for genetic engineering and biotechnology — already functioning on a small scale — and centres for pure and applied chemistry, high technology and material sciences, and for earth sciences.

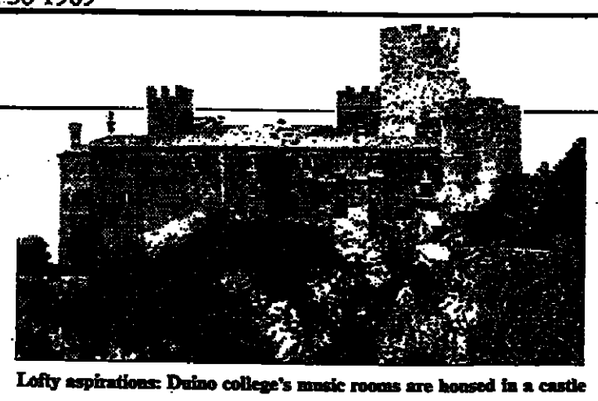
'Science and technology are what distinguish the South from the North'

Salam would not have got far without the Italian government's resolve to find a new role for Trieste, combined with its far-sighted approach to the Third World. Rome pays most of the ICTP's $20 million annual budget from its overseas aid programme.

The government also contributes to the Trieste Research Area, or science park, which interlocks with Salam's initiative. An important figure there is another Nobel physics laureate, Professor Carlo Rubbia of the European Council for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Geneva and a native of Gorizia in Friuli. He heads a team working on a synchroton, a "light machine" to produce high brilliance X-rays.

"The whole operation is unique in Italy," says Professor Domenico Romeo, a biochemist, and president of the consortium running the Area. The Area accommodates the Genetic Engineering Centre and the nascent Chemistry Centre. About 50 hectares are allocated for the synchroton. Romeo expects the present 330 staff to increase to 500-600 in two years, and eventually to about 1,200.

The Area is to have business-orientated laboratories. For example, one company manages software for local authorities, while Officine Galileo and Trieste university astronomy department are to provide spectometres for an Italian space satellite.



Lofty aspirations: Duino college's music rooms are housed in a castle

A balanced education

Italy plays a key part in the international schools system. Janet Stobart explains

Among the most enlightened ventures of 20th-century education is the United World College of the Adriatic in the coastal village of Duino, some 10 miles south of Trieste. Established in 1982, this is one of several colleges around the world which prepare students for the International Baccalaureate.

The idea of an internationally recognized academic qualification, and an international college group to teach it, began in the 1950s. The Baccalaureate (the equivalent of A levels) is taught in Wales, Canada, the United States, Singapore, Swaziland, South Africa, Italy and Venezuela.

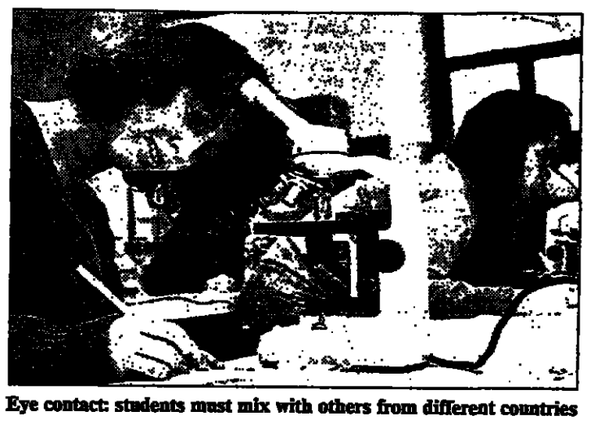
Dr Kurt Hahn, founder of the Outward Bound Trust, first propounded the idea of an all-round physical and academic education for young people and his ideal was brought to fruition by a group of committed educators and society leaders, such as Lord Mountbatten, Dr Alec Peterson, an Oxford University education professsor, Thor Heyerdehl, the propagator of the International Baccalaureate and a patron of the United World Colleges, and the Prince of Wales, now president of the International Council of the United World Colleges.

But this is more than just an education centre with royal patronage. "We want to give more than the specialized cramming for A levels of the English system," says David Sutcliffe, headmaster of the Adriatic UWC.

"We offer students a broader, more balanced, education. They take six subjects and a course in theory of knowledge which includes study of philosophy, aesthetics, history of religion, social studies."

But the 200 students, all scholarship candidates, also receive training as world citizens. The college is open to applicants worldwide, chosen by World College committees, and scholarships are financed by private industries, governments and international organizations.

The Duino college, for instance, has students this year from 58 countries, all of whom speak English, the main teaching language, and Italian, the language of their host country. Candidates are judged as much for their aptitude to get along with teenagers of other nationalities as for their academic merit.



Eye contact: students must mix with others from different countries

The teaching staff of 17 is also multinational and versatile. "They don't just teach, but must adapt to extra-curriculum activities, such as sea-sports, outings, entertainment and general counselling," says Sutcliffe.

Freedom of choice and movement is a basic principle of student life here because the college is spread throughout the small village. Students are housed in the converted guest house of the neighbouring castle, which Prince Raimondo della Torre e Tasso, another spirit behind the college's foundation, donated to the college, and in rented rooms with village families.

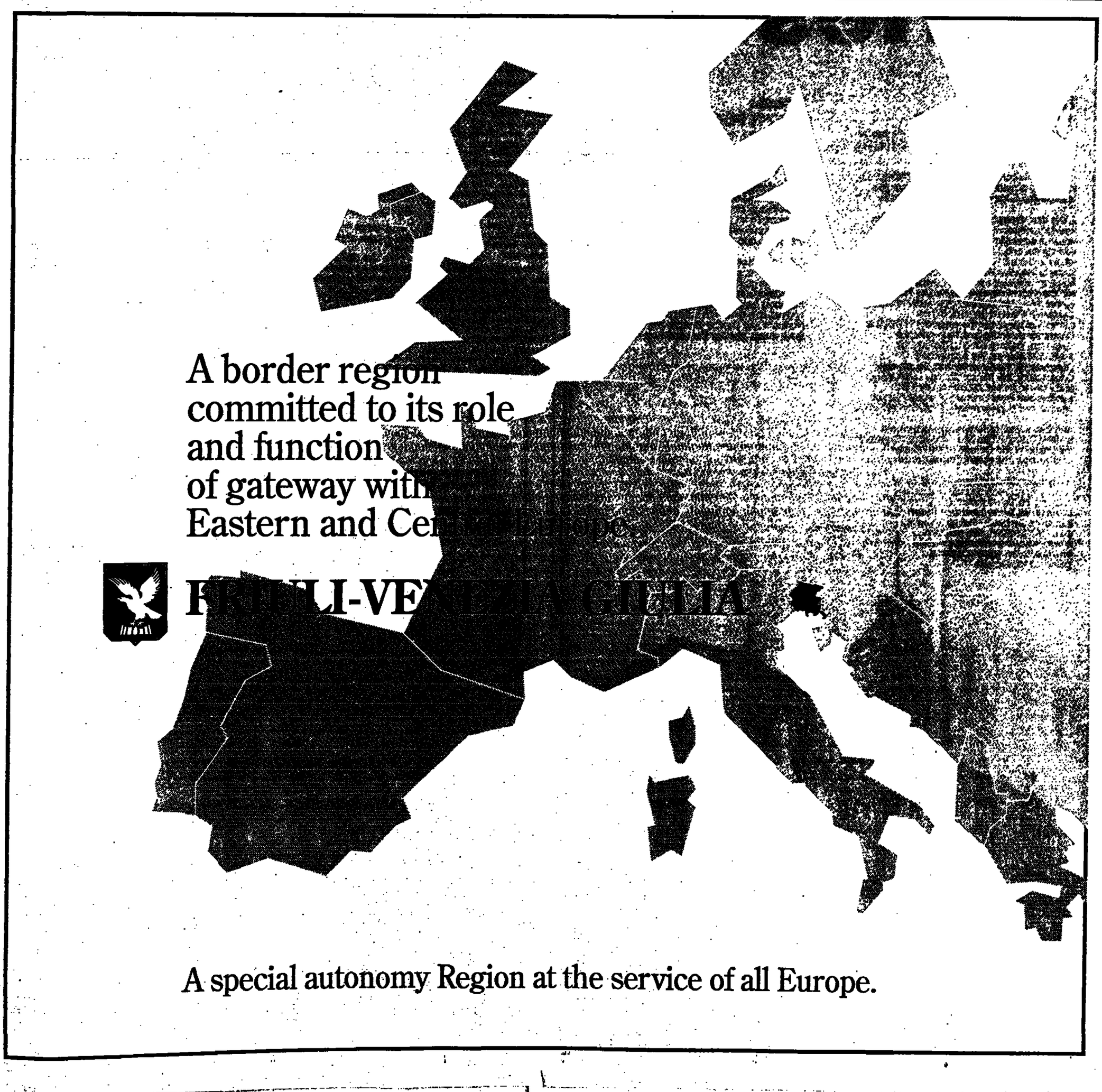
Funding and administration are the main problems — ensuring finances and organizing adequate teaching staff. The college president, Italian politician Corrado Belci, helps by keeping the Italian political world abreast of college events and the Italian Foreign Ministry and the Regional government are among principal funders of Third World and Italian college students.

The enthusiasm and eagerness one feels in the college comes not only from the staff. Students are busy with an unregimented but full timetable. The International Baccalaureate programme demands that three subjects be studied at advanced level and three at intermediate level with maths the only obligatory subject.

"We know we're lucky to be here," says Pedro, a second-year pupil from Portugal, who is fluent in English and Italian and has his sights on an English University, "Warwick or the London School of Economics," he says. Bernardo, from Sardinia, agrees: "We have far greater opportunities here than we would in a national school."

A visit to the college involves a partial tour of the village — to the converted elementary school for the college laboratories and classrooms, the castle grounds for music rooms and to a former customs house for the administrative offices.

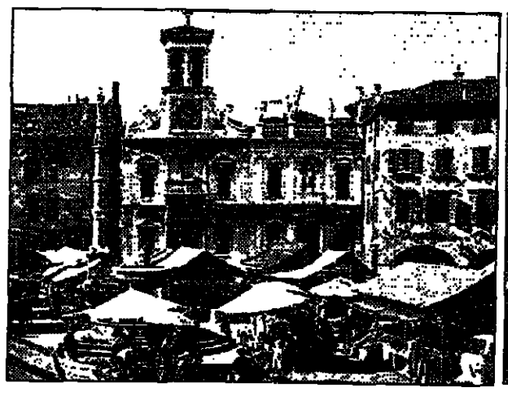
Strangely dressed students appear in the school corridors. There is a "national evening" in preparation — groups of students will show off their national theatre, music or dancing. The college may be international but students keep a strong hold on their national identity.

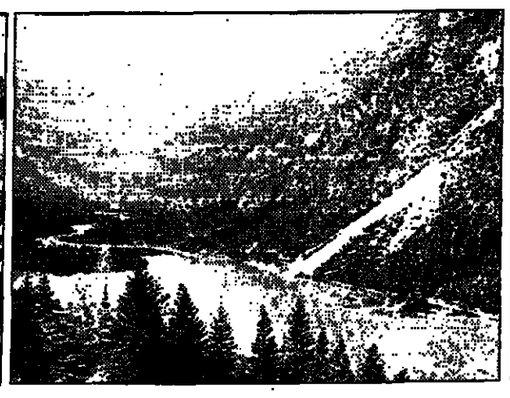


FOCUS

FRIULI – VENEZIA – GIULIA/4

Trieste and its surrounding areas offer a great selection of cultural treasures from its long and rich history, writes **Janet Stobart**







Town and country: Udine's bustling market-place is the antithesis of the surrounding countryside. Right: a palace where the ill-fated emperor, Maximilian, built himself a retreat

Echoes of times past

The north-east corner of Italy is one of those crossroads where nations and civilizations have left an inimitable *mèlange* of culture, architecture and language. Now known as Friuli-Venezia-Giulia, this tiny Italian region is where migrants and refugees from the Slovene and Croation populations of the Baltic states, Roman colonizers, Longobard conquerors, Turkish invaders, Venetian rulers and Austrian Hapsburg overlords have all left reminders of their presence.

Trieste, the regional capital, is a melting pot. The city is Hapsburgian in appearance, a second cousin to Graz or Innsbruck. Much of it was built in the 18th century under Maria Theresa, empress of the Austro-Hungarian empire, who turned Trieste into a free port. The city was given the grid system of the principal cities of 18th and 19th-century Europe and part of it is still known as the Borgo Theresiana, with its neo-classical and Austrian baroque architecture.

Trieste also became a haven for almost all the known religions of old Europe and churches were built for all of them, from Serbian and Greek orthodox to Roman Catholic and Evangelical. Its Jewish population was one of the biggest in Europe until World War II. Italy's only wartime extermination camp, La Risiera, on the city's outskirts, is preserved as a bitter reminder of the conflict.

During this century Trieste has attracted some of Europe's most wayward and often misunderstood cultural figures. James Joyce wandered in, looking for a job as an English teacher, in 1904. Sigmund Freud, Gustav Mahler, Rainer Maria Rilke, Franz Lehár and Italo Svevo, one of Italy's major 20th century novelists of German-Jewish origin, all lived and worked in Trieste for a time.

Norman Lister, the honorary British Consul who watches over the British population (about 450 at present) stresses the city's independent spirit in culture and commerce. "Trieste does business with Austria, Germany and eastern European countries, and transport and communications lead north and eastwards, rather than Italy and the south."

So it was with cultural life. Architecture, literature, music and an early 20th-century group of psychoanalysts, followers of Freud, who worked and studied in Trieste, all came from the neighbouring north. Culture is still part of Trieste's life today – there is an excellent opera house, orchestra and chamber orchestra and the city does not forget its illustrious expatriates.

The town of Udine and Cividale del Friuli, both Longobard and Venetian strongholds, will next summer host an exhibition of artefacts and sculpture from this lesser-known but highly civilized Germanic people whose name means "the people with the long beards". They were early converts to Christianity and ruled much of Northern Italy during the fifth and sixth centuries.

Udine and Cividale are an exhibit in themselves, the former with its graceful Venetian Gothic Piazza della Liberta, complete with clock tower and the Ventian symbol of St Mark's Lion, the latter with its unique Duomo and Tempietto Longobardo with rich stone carvings and friezes.



'James Joyce wandered in to Trieste, looking for a job as an English teacher'

Although it has a rich past, Friuli-Venezia-Giulia tourist authorities are also considering their region's potential. "We are becoming aware of what we can offer tomorrow's tourists," says Alvise Barison, head of the Trieste tourist office. "There is a new tourism growing up in the East for which we must prepare. Trieste and surrounding coastal towns could serve to make this a grand-scale Portofino of the Adriatic," Barison says. Indeed, a huge project for a luxury marine harbour, complete with refuelling and mooring facilities as well as two luxury hotels and restaurants, is already underway at the small port of Sistiana, a few miles north of Trieste, to be designed by Renzo Piano, the architect who created the Centre Beaubourg in Paris.

Another part of the region ripe for touristic exploitation is the wealth of castles, villas, gardens and, not least, the food and wine. Fruili's 300-plus historic buildings, mostly the property of nobility and now, in some cases, the regional government, range from early fortified castles to 17th-century aristocratic dwellings, such as the Villa Manin, near Udine. The last Doge of Venice, Ludovico Manin, presided over its transformation from a simple country dwelling into a sumptuous three-storey Venetian dwelling, surrounded by porticoes, lawns, statues and fishponds.

The villa with the saddest history, however, is the Villa Miramare, about 12 miles south of Trieste, which Maximilian, the ill-fated younger brother of Austrian Emperor Francis Joseph I, built for himself and his ambitious Belgian wife Carlotta. Drawn by ambition, Maximilian accepted an offer in 1863 to become Emperor of Mexico, but his bid to rule failed, opposed by the Mexican people. The neo-Emperor was shot by a republican firing squad in 1867 and his wife went mad.

More convivial jaunts can be made into the nearby Collio hills, Tocai, Pinot, Cabernet and Merlot wines. Here, on the Yugoslav border, castle owners are beginning to evaluate the modern-day potentials of their property. One of them, Count Leonardo Formentini, has turned his 15th-century castle and grounds into a country hotel, restaurant and golf course. But the Count's project is probably the most ambitious so far. His point of view has yet to be adopted by the owners of the 200 or so castles in the area.

TRAVEL NOTES

There are no direct flights from London, but daily flights to Milan or Venice, with frequent train services. There are two daily flights between Milan and Trieste.

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●Savoia Excelsior Palace, riva del Mandracchio 4, is a traditional seafront hotel used by ship passengers. About £90 a night for a double room and breakfast.

●Castello Formentini and Golf Hotel in San Floriano del Collio offers the family castle, swimming pool, golf course, tennis courts and its own wine museum. Full board £40 per person per day; £85, a double room with breakfast.

In Udine, the first-class Astoria Hotel Italia, piazza 20 Settembre 24, tel: 505091, is within walking distance of the city's monuments and churches. A double room with breakfast costs about £50.

There is an excellent multi-lingual tour guide association in Trieste: Associazione Guide Turistiche del Friuli-Venezia-Giulia and the Centro Congressi Stazione Marittima, Molo Bersaglieri 3. Tel: 305050.

Trieste

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A CITY FOR EUROPE,
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A city that, renowned for its trading prowess and its sophisticated service sector, is also the home of scientific endeavour and research serving not only the region but also Europe as a whole and the developing countries.
Witness the international institutions the city is home to, such as: the IAEA - UNESCO Centre for Theoretical Physics directed by Nobel prize winner Prof. Abdus Salam, the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology under the aegis of UNIDO, the Centre for Scientific and Technological Research, the International College for Advanced Studies, the Astronomic Observatory, the Experimental Geophysical Observatory, the Marine Biology Laboratory, and - due to be completed shortly - the Synchrotron Light Source Laboratory run by another Nobel prize winner, Prof. Carlo Rubbia.

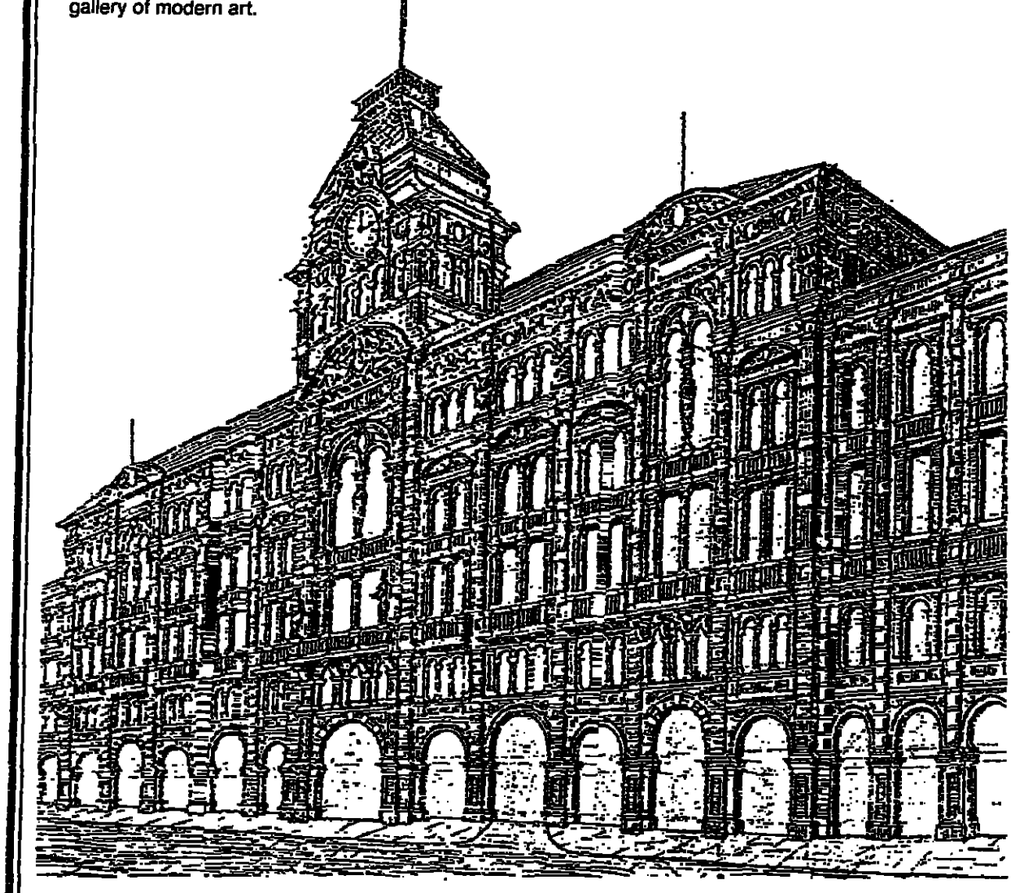
And with a view to furthering international understanding, it has been chosen as the site of the United World College of the Adriatic presided over by H.R.H. Prince Charles.

A city fond of cultural events and show business and keen on nature, jealously guarding its Carso mountains, a natural treasure unique in the world. Trieste also has an opera house that looks back on a long tradition, two theatres, major museums covering a variety of subjects, an aquarium and a gallery of modern art.

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A culture worth fighting for

Trieste's Slovene minority is no longer persecuted, but it still fears for the future and survival of its traditions

The two iron-clad figures that beat the hours on a bell above the clock on Trieste town hall are popularly called Mihec and Jakez – nicknames that testify to an evident Slovene presence in this mainly Italian city.

They have managed to survive 25 years of Fascism between two world wars when Italy's frontiers were much further east and included many more Slavs (Slovenes and Croats) than the estimated 100,000 Slovenes living in Friuli-Venezia Giulia today. Then, the presence of Slavs was denied. They were persecuted if they spoke their language in public, and many surnames were forcibly Italianized. Official propaganda described the area as "the last Italian bulwark against Slav barbarism."

Now much of the old bitterness has subsided, during a period which, in Trieste, saw nine years of Anglo-American administration before reunification with Italy in 1954. Even so, in the words of Dusan Udovic, secretary of the Slovene Cultural Economic Union, for years Slovenes were still accustomed to being looked on as "some kind of fifth column of the Yugoslav state."



Slovene news: Marko Waitritsch, editor of *Primorski Dnevnik*

"We are Italian citizens, loyal to the Republic. But we do not want that to result in the absorption of our culture, which is something precious and valuable," Udovic says.

The Slovene community is convinced it needs an all-embracing national law to safeguard its future. For years it accused Rome governments of not living up to obligations laid down in the 1947 Italian peace treaty and the Italo-Yugoslav agreement of Osimo in 1975 which finally settled the Trieste dispute.

Then, in mid-November, the prime minister, Giulio Andreotti, persuaded the cabinet to approve a bill on the rights of the minority. Besides provisions on when and where the Slovene language may be used, the bill foresees those in Trieste and Gorizia provinces receiving different treatment from those in Udine province, and allocates some financial aid, although reduced from earlier expectations. Initial reaction from local Italians and Slovenes was critical, but changes may be made as the bill passes through parliament.

Unlike the smaller Italian minority remaining in Yugoslavia, the Slovenes have been able to develop a vigorous economic life. The 42-year-old Slovene Regional Economic Association includes, according to its president, Vio Svetina, about 2,000 firms and six banks among its members.

In the cultural field the Slovenes have small publishing houses, a daily newspaper, *Primorski Dnevnik*, several magazines, a classical music school and concert organizer, Glasbena Matica.

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Trevino tees off into a new world



The face that fortune favours: Trevino has his eyes set on more millions over the next decade

He has been called a myth more than a man, the "Merry Mex." He is certainly not the archetypal golfer, not even a demigod, but more the man from next door who made good. "I'm just like a duck," he said. "I get up in a new world every day. Whatever happens is meant to happen — unless you walk down the middle of the freeway and wait to get hit by a truck."

This, then, is Lee Trevino. In fact, it is Trevino at 50. Confirmation of that can be found at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, where there is the record of his birth on December 1, 1939. The name of Juanita Trevino, who could neither read nor write, is listed as his mother; there is no mention of his father. Lee took his mother's name, never knew his father, never asked about him, curious as he admits to being now about him, and the joker that is Trevino claims that he was 21 before he knew "Manual Labour wasn't a Mexican."

That, however, has not stopped him from earning a small fortune from golf. "I've got a bad swing, a bad stance and a bad grip but my banker loves me," he said. "I drive straight there."

It has not always been quite like that. He lost an estimated $10 million because of rash investments in the early 1970s and it is claimed that he has since won and lost two other fortunes. If not now financially secure, which I suspect he is, Trevino is set to embark on his new career as a senior golfer from which it is conceivable he could earn more than $1 million in a single season. His birthday has come just in time for him to tee up in the GTE Kaanapali Classic, the final official money event on the US Senior PGA Tour.

Trevino came from the wrong side of the tracks. At the age of five he was working in the fields, helping to harvest the cotton and plant the onions and, as he explains in his autobiography, *Super-Mex*, his lifestyle was "pretty primitive." His grandfather, with whom he lived, went to work as a gravedigger and he moved the family to a four-room shack which had no plumbing, electricity, windows, or wallpaper. "We used lake water to wash clothes and for baths," Trevino said. "We slept in one room, there wasn't much fun in our lives and I never had candy as a kid."

But he had the desire and the determination to make good. The shack in which he lived was conveniently only 100 yards from the Dallas Athletic Club golf course. There, from the age of eight, he began to caddie, earning $1.25 for 18 holes and, out of sight from the clubhouse, he would play one member for the caddie fee, double or nothing. "I beat him every time," Trevino said.

In 1968 he beat the rest of the world. Trevino won the US Open at Oak Hill, Rochester, by four strokes from Jack Nicklaus. To Trevino it meant a big silver trophy, $30,000 in prize-money and the chance to buy a new house for his mother and grandfather. "I might buy the Alamo and give it back to Mexico," Trevino said at the time.

The kid from the wrong side of the tracks had come a long way. From the age of eight he had been pretty much on his own. "I was a little boy thrown in with men," he recalled. "I was smoking

THE TREVINO STORY

Born: December 1, 1939, Dallas, Texas
Turned professional: 1960
Major victories: The Open (1971, 1972), US Open (1968, 1971), PGA Championship (1974, 1984)
Total victories: 41
Career earnings: $3,460,417
1985: Captain of US Ryder Cup team

when I was 10, using foul language and hardly a day passed that I didn't watch a knife fight. We were shooting dice and playing cards. It was an education of hard knocks."

Trevino emerged unscathed and since the US Open in 1968 he has won no fewer than 27 tournaments on the US Tour despite being struck by lightning — "I was scared to death" — during the Western Open in 1975. The Masters eluded him but two Open Championships, two US Opens and two US PGA Championships represent more than adequate compensation.

He has gone full circle since, in 1957, he chanced upon Orville Moody, the leading money-winner this year on the Seniors Tour in the Far East. Moody was then a staff sergeant in the Army and the golf director at Camp Zoma in Japan. "Looking back on that day we met, just think how incredible the odds would have been on us two guys winning back-to-back US Opens," Trevino said.

Moody won not another tournament on the regular tour after his US Open success in 1969, although he did earn the unofficial, and undesirable, title of being the worst putter in the history of the US Tour. He has subsequently resurrected his life with a 46-inch putter. Trevino always claimed that if Moody could putt he would win two or three tournaments each year. "That dog-face hits so straight he can drive a ball through a doughnut at 250 yards," Trevino said.

Trevino is aware that Moody will be among his serious rivals on the progressive Seniors Tour. He has claimed, though it must be stressed with his tongue deeper in his cheek on occasions, that he can win between six and 18 tournaments in 1990. Moody had an answer for that when last month George Archer, the 1969 Masters champion, won the Gatlin Brothers South-West Classic, his first event on the Seniors Tour. "Remember, Lee is going to have to play George every week," Moody said.

Others have taken a dim view of the theory that Trevino could be unbeatable. "What I can't believe is that people are so dumb that they think he is just going to come out here and bury us," Dave Hill, a former US Ryder Cup player, said. "Did he beat us all the time before? No. And he ain't going to beat us all the time now. And if his back goes, he's not going to beat anybody. It's crazy. He can play, but not like that."

What Trevino will unquestionably do is increase the popularity of a tour which will welcome another new boy on January 21 when Nicklaus turns 50. "I don't think the Senior Tour will get as big as the regular tour but there is a place for it," Trevino said. "In no other sport are you ever going to find a 50-year-old man with a second chance to make a tremendous amount of money."

Trevino, however, denies that the money is the man attraction. "Arnold Palmer is out there but he doesn't need the money," Trevino said. "Jack and I will go out but we don't need the money. Gary Player didn't need the money but he went out because he wanted the competition. That's what I want. I'm just thrilled about it. For the first time in a long time I'll be playing against people of my own age. I'm going to play a full schedule in 1990 and it wouldn't surprise me at all if I did that for each of the next three years. I'm taking it very seriously. But I'm also going to enjoy myself."

Norman stars in Open triangle

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Melbourne

Greg Norman has endured his share of disappointments and he was compelled to recall one of them as the first round of the Australian Open unfolded here at Kingston Heath.

The Australian Golf Union decided to pair Norman with his compatriot, Wayne Grady, and the American, Mark Calcavecchia, the three men who had taken part last July in the first four-hole play-off in the history of the Open Championship.

Norman began that play-off with successive birdies before meeting his nemesis by driving into a bunker and then playing out of bounds, so opening the door for Calcavecchia.

No player in the recent history of the game has been more frustrated than Norman in the main championships. He won the Open at Turnbery in 1986 but in each of the other three he has snatched defeat from the jaws of victory.

"There should never have been a play-off," Calcavecchia said of the Open last July. "I've watched it several times on video and Wayne [Grady] had bad breaks at the 16th and 17th holes, where he hit good putts that should have gone in. It is Wayne who must be very, very disappointed. I won the Open, Greg came storming in with a 64 and Wayne is forgotten by everybody now."

Not that Norman will be soothed by that. Nor has he been blessed with good luck at Kingston Heath. He has not won on this course. Yet he is the favourite

Norman has won three Australian Open titles and his immediate intention is to complete four successive wins on his native soil. He won the Australian Masters and the Australian Tournament Players' Championship earlier in the year and he is competing in the Johnnie Walker Classic at Royal Melbourne next week.

SQUASH RACKETS

A blinding display from Dutch bulbs

From Colin McQuillan, The Hague

Problems with lighting continue to plague the organizers of big tournaments in The Netherlands, who last year succeeded in reversing cricket's age-old visibility problem when an excess of light stopped play at the NCM Men's World Open at Amsterdam. Evening sunshine streaming into the all-transparent glass court was giving the competitors difficulties.

This week there was almost another embarrassing stoppage when Alison Cumings, of England, came within a hair's-breath of refusing to continue play in her semi-final of the NCM Dutch Open championship at the Kurhaus Hotel here.

The first half of a match in which Cumings defeated Rebecca Best, of Ireland, by 6-15, 15-10, 7-15, 15-10, 15-11 in 64 minutes, was a travesty. Both players flailed about hopelessly, because bungling organizers could not find the switch to shut off the main lighting in the Kurhaus Ballroom, where the glass court was mounted in front of spectators who had paid £75 a head for dinner and a view of the squash.

These demountable transparent courts have transformed the game from the point of view of spectators and are to be increasingly found in such extravagant settings. But the one-way vision system works only with carefully balanced lighting on either side of the glass walls. For half an hour or more on Tuesday the only moves towards this balance were made by a frantic head waiter, who rushed around taking bulbs out of crystal chandeliers.

Cumings and Best played their final game in more reasonable conditions and the former English champion, written off by many at the age of 28, gained increasing tactical domination to enter her first big international final for some time.

There was an easier route into the men's final for Jansher Khan, aged 20, the world champion from Pakistan, who facilitated an early entrée for the diners by mastering both the difficult conditions and Rodney Eyles, another in a lengthening line of talented young Australians, by 15-9, 15-13, 15-6 in 41 minutes.

More lighting problems will arise today when Cumings will meet either Suzanne Horner or Fiona Geaves in a women's final which is scheduled as the centrepiece of a coffee morning for 500. The match will start at 10.30am when the sun streams straight into the middle of the ballroom.

The men's final, in which Jansher will play either Bryan Beeson or Chris Robertson, will be a black tie affair later in the day when the ballroom light switch will, presumably, be functioning.

SEMI-FINAL RESULTS: Men: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt R Eyles (Aus), 15-9, 15-13, 15-8. Women: A Cumings (Eng) bt R Best (Ire), 6-15, 15-10, 7-15, 15-10, 15-11.

Beeson in a hurry for cross-Channel dash

Frantic cross-Channel flights by Bryan Beeson, the England captain, promoted to first string this week for Lambs Club, and Chris Robertson, the Australian leader of Leeks Welsh Wizards, paid off with vital wins in the Pimm's Premier League (Colin McQuillan writes).

Beeson and Robertson won their quarter-final in the NCM Dutch Open Championship on Monday evening, flew separately to their Pimm's matches in London and Manchester on Tuesday and were back in The Hague yesterday in time to face each other for the right of playing Jansher Khan, the world champion, in tomorrow's Dutch final.

The England captain easily defeated Danny Lee 8-9, 9-7, 9-1, 9-6 in the 5-0 Lambs win over Weir Systems Surrey

Robertson, the world no. 5, was even quicker dispensing a 9-2, 9-5, 9-2 lesson to Stuart Hailstone at the Village Leisure Hotel complex where equally aggressive wins by Jamie Hickox and Adrian Davies put the Cardiff side within two points of the Manchester leaders

RESULTS: Lambs Club 5, Weir Systems Surrey 0; Village Leisure Hotels 2, Leeks Welsh Wizards 3; GT Superkings Abbeydale 4, Allsports Northern 1. Positions: Village Leisure Hotels 30pts; Leeks Welsh Wizards 28; GT Superkings Abbeydale 24; UTC Cannons 19; Lambs Club 15; Allsports Northern 4; Embassy Edgbaston Priory 3; Weir Systems Surrey 3.

BADMINTON

Complaint on selection

By Richard Eaton

Five players omitted from England's team for the Commonwealth Games have signed a letter of complaint about the unexpected inclusion of Miles Johnson among the 10 who are going to Auckland. The letter has been sent to the chief executive of the Badminton Association of England, Geoffrey Snowdon and alleges that the criteria upon which selection was said to depend has been ignored.

The players are Mike Brown, Nick Ponting, Andy Salvidge, Dave Wright and Richard Outterside. On results alone Brown, aged 32, was probably the strongest candidate and he wrote a letter of protest on his own behalf to the BA of E

The five claim England manager, Paul Whetnall, wrote a letter stating attendance at England practises was a prerequisite for selection. Johnson did not attend practises, but Whetnall claims the letter refers to funding of players, not selection.

Meanwhile the Carlsberg Commonwealth Challenge threw up a final between Helen Troke, the other Commonwealth champion, and her great rival, Fiona Smith, the English national champion, at Bath last night. Troke reached the final by overcoming former national finalist Sara Sankey 11-3, 11-5 while Smith beat her international colleague Gillian Gowers 11-6, 11-8.

MEN'S SINGLES: Group A: S Butler (Warwick) bt A Nielsen (Surrey) 4-15, 15-10, 15-11; Group B: D Hall (Essex) bt M Johnson (Devon) 15-8, 15-7
WOMEN'S SINGLES: Group A: H Troke (Hampshire) bt S Sankey (Lancs) 11-3, 11-5; Group B: F Smith (Surrey) bt G Gowers (Herts) 11-6, 11-8

SPORTS LETTERS

Influx of foreign footballers in Scotland

From Mr L. Robertson

Sir, I read with interest the article in The Times (November 23) regarding foreigners at present playing in the Italian League, the effect this may have on the Italian national team's chances in the World Cup and also the hindering effect on the development of young Italian footballers.

A similar situation at present exists in Scotland if not perhaps on such an exalted scale. In the last few weeks we have seen the introduction of Hans Gillhaus at Aberdeen and Dariuse Wdowcyck at Celtic, the presence of whom will undoubtedly enhance the skill factor in the league and will stimulate interest amongst the supporters. If my calculations are correct the premier division fixtures on November 18 featured no fewer than 25 players from 10 countries other than Scotland, from as near as England and Ireland and as far as Hungary and Yugoslavia. Considering the league consists of a mere 10 teams this figure represents a significant percentage.

The fans may have never had it so good but what of the future of any up-and-coming Scottish players who are at present being kept out of the first team and have to play their football in the reserve league? This can only slow down their progress, as arguably the best way for young players to learn their craft is to play alongside, and against, better players. This opportunity may at present be denied to several young players throughout the country.

Scotland may have qualified for the World Cup finals but they did so with a very experienced player-pool and there would appear to be precious few youngsters pressing for a full international cap. This may have little effect in Italy next year but the implications for the 1994 World Cup may be more serious.

Perhaps an analogy can be made with county cricket, which has for years claimed that the influx of overseas players has been to the detriment of young English players and consequently to the detriment of the England Test team.

Scotland have had for the last 20 years a team good enough to qualify for the World Cup finals but whether this standard can be maintained with the current level of infiltration into the league by foreign players is a question that only the passage of time will answer.

Yours faithfully,
L. ROBERTSON
118 Don Street,
Woodside, Aberdeen.

In defence of Olympic film

From Professor Emeritus W. E. Skillend

Sir, Like Simon Barnes (November 18) I was invited to see the film *Seoul 1988*, and, like him, did not appreciate the 2½ hours of continuous, dazzling spectacle. In his case, apparently, it reminded him painfully of failures earlier in his own career. In my case I was simply jet-lagged, having just returned from three weeks in Korea.

Mr Barnes listed many of the faults in the Olympic Games movement, precisely those which led me to make my 1988 visit to Korea after they were all over. However, I saw the film from a background of having spent 35 years trying to understand Korea and Koreans, and venture to suggest that it might be better judged from that background than from a background in sports reporting.

The film was not made for "the gratification of the Seoul City Fathers", whoever Mr Barnes might imagine them to be, but by the Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee in celebration of a professional job well done. I can assure you and Mr Barnes that it reflects very accurately the pride of the overwhelming majority of Koreans in what the 1988 Olympics meant to them. They marked the acceptance of Korea as a major nation of the world, indeed for a brief period as first among equals.

One more point: the 1988 Games were a financial success, and this, I understand, helped the introduction of a social security system for all Koreans this year.

Yours faithfully,
W. E. SKILLEND
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Russell Square, WC1

Traditional sports in schools

From Mr John S Hunter

Sir, I read with interest John Goodbody's report (November 23) on the Labour Party seminar on PE and Sport in schools.

I particularly found the argument based on the concept of "relative unimportance internationally" to be a specious one. If one followed such thinking to wider ramifications I would have travelled to Twickenham yesterday on the right hand side of the road and would not have been able to sample the interrelated pleasures of a pint of bitter before the game.

May I put the minds of many concerned people partly at rest. Traditional team sports as we know them are still alive and well on the curriculum of some large institutions, if not all, and their promotion for placement on the school PE curriculum remains a high priority. Only bureaucratic nonsense, beyond our control, prevents institutions like ourselves turning out far more PE teachers which, in turn, would counter the known teacher shortage, hence assist in the promotion of a wider PE curriculum including the aforesaid sports, etc. It is the same bureaucrats who consistently ignore the reasons for high levels of wastage in the PE profession, ie the particularly low status and salary of PE teachers, relative to teachers of other subjects, in state schools. If we, and I include the delegates to the recent seminar, were conjoined in tackling this matter then, I believe, many of the other issues raised would be resolved as a by-product.

Yours faithfully,
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From the vice-chairman of the Federation of Scottish Schools Sports Associations

Sir, It is heartening that Mr Phillips and the Reverend Blore (November 23) are concerned at the state of school sport. It is equally heartening that you, sir, have devoted column inches to the subject in the recent past. Those of us closely involved in the encouragement and management of school sport share your concern and are waging now a campaign to restore both the state and the status of sport in schools.

What matters currently more than further causal debate and recrimination is that an orchestrated, determined and positive effort of re-establishment be pursued. A significant and active nucleus of teachers represented by FOSSSA and by our southerly counterparts, the National Council for School Sport, has already begun to make representation to Departments of Education, Sports Councils and other bodies and individuals. Let all enlightened sportsmen and women join us in our attempt to create once again an atmosphere in which school sport can flourish.

Representing Scotland at the International School Sport Federation, I have not failed to perceive the irony that it is those and such as those who suffered defeat at Waterloo who have reacted most positively to our explanation of the victory. As France and many others seek to capitalize upon the educational value of sport by bringing it more into the school context, it is in Great Britain that we suffer from the perhaps well-meaning but certainly misguided moves to replace rather than complement school sport with "school-aged" sport.

To arrest and reverse the decline in standards it is our belief that it is in the school arena that the young can best be educated both by and in sport where both ethos and excellence can be equal goals.

Yours faithfully
J F CLAYTON
Kiaran,
Forgandenny,
Perthshire

From Mr E. Turnbull

Sir, Your view that in an "ideal world" children should have a choice in sports (November 18) prompts me to make a plea for springboard and high-board diving facilities.

These forms of diving are at present somewhat neglected in the UK generally, whilst in many swimming pools both the layout and the pattern of public use would suggest that those who dive in are no more than a disturbance to the swimmers. Most regrettable of all is the fact that when new swimming pools are planned diving is rarely, if ever, taken into consideration; hence, for example, the top board of modest height at the fairly new baths nearest to my home is closed because of the danger of head injuries due to the short length of the deep end. I also discovered that it was declared "impossible" to deepen or lengthen the deep-end pit due to essential plumbing equipment having already been built in under the bath. Swimming pool planners, therefore, should surely begin to envisage the deepening of baths for diving purposes before a new swimming bath is built.

As to the sport itself, it has countless advantages. Given the proper pool it can take place in special sessions when swimmers are absent and it is equally appropriate to outdoor pools or to all-year-round covered ones. Once the pool is built diving is inexpensive to the diver because it is free from expensive clothing or equipment, hence it is a classless sport which can be cultivated by both sexes equally whether the preferred aim is greater grace, balance, courage, physical development or competition from informal up to international level.

Perhaps most of all the appeal of diving is that the disabled and visually-handicapped can gain a new excitement and a new freedom by participating on almost equal terms. As a small child I was taken to a gala and was full of wonder at seeing divers without an arm or leg performing superbly and escaping from the physical and emotional restrictions of their crutches or wheelchairs.

I find it sad that if diving facilities are not consciously kept in mind and provided for whether actually or potentially, the possibilities of interest for and attainment in this sport will simply not be awakened, whereas, on the contrary, it only needs one of two centres to develop facilities to stimulate a gradually-increasing enthusiasm for it.

Yours faithfully,
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From Dr Valerie Goldberg

Sir, When Professor Margaret Talbot (November 23) says that England teams in basketball, volleyball and squash rarely join in ritual panic when they lose, this is quite easily explained by the fact that these games are still neither widely played, nor followed here, so little is expected of English teams. On the other hand, millions are interested in football, rugby, cricket and tennis, and English failure is very conspicuous as a result.

Yours faithfully
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Payments in rugby

From Mr A. Davies

Sir, I thoroughly agree with Mr Solan's letter (November 23) suggesting that sports should be organized and run by the participants themselves and not by the "old stagers". These "old stagers" are so often out of touch with the modern game, and whereas it is very easy for Dudley Wood, the secretary of the Rugby Football Union, to oppose any form of payment to the top rugby players, it might well have been a different story had Mr Wood been allowed the chance to earn a reasonable living if he had been of sufficient standard at rugby in his possible playing days. In any case, no doubt he is now well paid as Secretary of the RFU in spite of having emphasized so often that participants should be involved for the love of the game.

We are living in changing times. In my day there were no league or knock-out cup competitions as it was considered that all matches should be "friendlies" and yet this has recently changed dramatically. Also, we as players used to change in an old hut with scant water — let alone hot water and we all took turns to run the small bar after the matches. Nowadays, my old club has modern facilities and has to be run on a business footing with a professional bar steward. Takings often exceed £2,000 per week!

We must change with the times, otherwise it will be unfair to the top players, especially if they are forced into rugby league. On last week's "Rugby Special" on television it clearly showed how jobs are found for players by clubs, and there has been considerable Press coverage of how clubs from modest backgrounds are now occupying senior league positions by enticing star overseas players — especially All Blacks and former internationals (as in the case of what was Old Askeans, now called Askeans) because of the wealth of officials at such clubs and their ability to offer "expenses" and employment to such players.

It has also recently been announced that the French RFU have sent a directive to clubs, suggesting what payment players should receive. It is time that the old stagers departed and let the game be run by the modern-day player.

Yours faithfully,
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Target for disabled

From the Secretary of the National Smallbore Rifle Association

Sir, Colin Moynihan's End Column (November 22) is to be welcomed as much as his report, "Building on Ability".

May I place on record my association's close involvement with the disabled over recent years at national level? I was delighted to learn that the British Shooting Federation for the Disabled, recently formed, will work closely with us in the future for both airgun and smallbore shooting disciplines.

We have had shooters with disabilities shooting alongside the able-bodied for years at club level and in national championships. We are actively looking at ways to increase that involvement. The 1989 Airgun Championships at Cardiff saw the gold and bronze medals in the Women's British Open Air Rifle Championship going to competitors in wheelchairs, as did first prize in the Open 10-metre Air Rifle Aggregate.

But our work to encourage participation in target shooting by people with a disability will be severely restricted if the Home Secretary's latest thinking on increased control of newcomers to the sport is not quickly changed. Particular attention to safety is paid by shooting supervisors for all newcomers to our sport.

We support the initiatives by the Minister of Sport and hope they will not founder on current Home Office thinking and police officer's interpretation of the Firearms (Amendments) Act, 1988.

Yours faithfully
DENNIS KING
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Bisley Camp, Surrey.

Snooker flukes

From Mr A. M. C. Inglese

Sir, I have been reading the letters advocating the limiting of flukes in snooker and darts with great interest. I am sure your correspondents have a point.

Indeed, as my family can testify, I have never forgotten the goal I scored at football for my College 3rd XI in a closely-fought 2-1 victory. It was a hopeful shot from 25 yards out and, to my astonishment, it "found the top corner of the net". However, I am now calling on all my former team-mates to note that I have revoked and repealed that goal, which is now null and void on all coupons. That game is now to be regarded as having ended in a draw. But wait! Was not that event cancelled out in another game when an accurate — but feeble — shot beat the opposing goalkeeper and stopped in a puddle before it could cross the line?

Yours faithfully
ANTHONY INGLESE
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From Mr Mark Fogg Elliot

Sir, As a postscript to the series of letters re "snooker flukes" — if a player pots a ball other than intended it is suggested that the ball, if a colour, is respotted and the break fails to continue.

Should this be implemented I trust that the same will apply to an accidental "in-off" or other foul whereby the player is not penalized by points away and if he had already sunk an intended or nominated ball he should be allowed to continue.

Yours faithfully
MARK FOGG ELLIOT
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Johnson verdict

From Mr Sam Eaton

Sir, I am getting very annoyed with reports in your newspaper about Olympic and other top officials in the athletic world feeling sorry for the disgraced track star Ben Johnson.

When he was found guilty of taking anabolic steroids in the 1988 Olympic Games at Seoul he was banned from athletics for life. This doesn't mean uplifting the ban after barely a year. If someone is sentenced to life in prison, he or she has to remain in prison for at least the minimum stated sentence, people don't start talking about releasing that person within a year.

Ben Johnson was banned for life for abusing drugs, therefore he should never ever be given the chance to take part in top class athletics again.

Yours faithfully
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Python power

From Mr H. G. Barnard

Sir, I watched on television the confrontation between the All Blacks and the Irish advancing arrowhead with considerable amusement.

It occurred to me later, after watching a re-run of a Monty Python show, that if before future matches against the All Blacks our forwards were schooled to perform a few bizarre steps *à la* John Cleese and friends, it would bury the haka for ever, and bring the stand down at the same time.

Yours faithfully
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Counting cards

From Basil C Richards

Sir, I agree with the suggestion of Mr L Robertson (November 9) that drawn football matches in European ties should be decided by the counting of red and yellow cards. (Perhaps a tally of personal fouls could also be kept in case the numbers of red and yellow cards are the same for each side.) However, I would prefer to see this method of deciding a tie introduced at a later stage, i.e. after a decision based on away goals or extra time. In other words this will replace the penalty shot-out, which is a ludicrous way to decide the result of a match. It may be exciting sometimes but it bears no relation to what has gone before. Surely the outcome of a tie should depend on the football played, not on an artificial contest tacked on at the end. The side achieving a draw by fairer means deserves to go through.

The fact that referees are not perfect and can sometimes be fooled, as pointed out by Mr M J Brown (November 16), is an irrelevance. Occasional incorrect decisions by officials are a part of all sport. It seems to me that a system which tries to encourage cleaner play and which bases the result on the match itself is right in principle and deserves a trial.

Yours faithfully
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Athens Gate to pave way for Tinkler double

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Nigel Tinkler, the Yorkshire trainer, looks poised to pull off a first-and-last race double at Warwick today with **Athens Gate** (12.30) and **Ghadbbaan** (3.30).

Before joining his stable this autumn both had similar backgrounds in that they had useful form on the Flat before they were sold by their previous owners, Robert Sangster and Sheikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum, to their present connexions, Athens Gate for 16,500 guineas and Ghadbbaan for a thousand more.

Interestingly, both contested the Royal Hunt Cup at Ascot when they were four-year-olds last year, Ghadbbaan doing the better by finishing a close second, three places in front of Athens Gate.

While Athens Gate helped to pay for his keep this summer by winning a valuable handicap at York in June, Ghadbbaan's role was restricted to that of pacemaker for Unfuwain at Newmarket or lead horse at home on the gallops above West Ilsley.

In their new environment both have run sufficiently well to suggest that they should pay their way jumping, Athens Gate particularly so as he made Peter Scudamore pull out all the stops on Arden at Ascot before finally managing to beat John Francome's record.

When he was trained on the Flat by Peter Walwyn Park Street was rated the equal of Athens Gate. However, his three races over hurdles for Oliver Sherwood last season were disappointing, certainly not a patch on *Athens Gate*, who is napped to open his account under National Hunt rules by capturing the first division of the Askett Novices Hurdle.

The Tinkler-Sherwood rivalry continues in the second division when Ghadbbaan, fresh from that promising run behind Latent Talent at Haydock eight days ago, can gain the upper hand over Air Commander.

Hywel Davies, his confidence boosted sky high by the victory on Ghofar in last Saturday's *Hennessy Gold Cup*, can add to his gains by winning the Shirley Novices Chase on **Guiburn's Nephew**, who strolled home the easy winner of a similar race at Windsor first time out 10 days ago.

Cross Master, my selection for the Westminster Motor Taxi Insurance Handicap Chase, makes an even quicker return to active duty, having scored at Nottingham on Monday.

Solar Cloud, another to have won recently, also turns out again with a penalty for the Taxinews Magazine Handicap Chase. But here I prefer **Vulrory's Clown**, who will strip fitter for that run in the race won by Thar-An-Bar at Wolverhampton last week.

When winning at Doncaster, besides twice at Nottingham, last season, Vulrory's Clown displayed a consistency that Solar Cloud has never been able to match even though he did manage to win the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham in his youth.

At Carlisle, anyone who backs **Polar Nomad** to beat The Langholm Dyer in the Dalston Handicap Chase will hope that disaster does not strike again as it did the last time he was involved in a match. On that occasion he slipped up on the flat on a bend at Kelso, having been sent off at 4-1 on.

Fiefdom, my selection for the Heads Nook Novices' Chase, would start at short odds to beat these rivals over hurdles. In spite of his lack of experience, I believe that the risk is worth taking as he has the size and scope to make the grade over fences.

As far as today's Flat racing, on the all-weather surface at Lingfield, is concerned it may well pay to follow the fortunes of Norma Macauley and her jockey Nicky Adams because their runners **Able Rocket** (12.25) and **Able Player** (2.25) both performed well on the other synthetic surface at Southwell 12 days ago.



Fiefdom (Tony Carroll), who is fancied to make a winning debut over fences at Carlisle today

Grant has big-priced treble to reach 48

Chris Grant collected a 149-1 treble to move to within two of his half-century this season on River House (12-1), Tasar (5-1) and Houghton (10-11) at Hexham yesterday.

The in-form jockey was unlucky not to make it four after Jaunty Jig, his mount in the seller, fell at the last when holding a clear lead.

His first two winners were for the leading trainer at the course, Arthur Stephenson, and it was Tasar who really pleased the Bishop Auckland handler after carrying top weight of 12 stone in the Captain Morgan Handicap Chase.

Tasar jumped the last with 6-4 favourite The Shuffler and then pulled away to gain his fourth win from four outings this season by eight lengths.

Darlington farmer Peter Cheesbrough, a nephew of Stephenson, had his first success as an owner when River House battled back bravely to lead on the flat and beat Lothian Admiral by four lengths in the *Chivas Regal Novices Chase*.

Peter Niven, who partnered Kates Fling, was taken to *Hexham General Hospital* with severe bruising of his chest wall and ribs when his mount fell five fences out.

Mark Dwyer was another leading jockey in form with a 77-1 double through Some Machine (5-1) and Ramilie (12-1). He picked up a lucky chance ride on Ramilie from the injured Niven in the Blayneys Handicap Hurdle.

Niven, though, was back from hospital to watch the victory, but confirmed he would not be riding today.

Eddie Magner dies

Former northern-based trainer Eddie Magner has died at his home in Doncaster at the age of 75. Magner, who helped to launch Paul Kelleway on a successful riding career, handed over to his daughter, Ann Harvey, when he retired in the Seventies.

Frost threat

Major Tim Riley, clerk of the course at Carlisle, reports that if there is severe overnight frost a precautionary inspection will be held at 10.30am to determine prospects for today's meeting.

Evergreen Hyett breaks the ice with 33-1 chance

The evergreen Ron Hyett, who rode his first winner over 21 years ago, broke the ice for the current season when the New Zealand import Forward March won at the rewarding odds of 33-1 in the Marden Novices Hurdle at Hereford yesterday.

Forward March was also the first winner of the season for trainer Sally Oliver, who has not yet swung into full action because of the firm ground.

Her husband, Henry, a great admirer of New Zealand stock, bought Forward March and said: "He won three little races on the Flat in New Zealand, but really wants soft ground, a longer trip than today's and fences. We schooled him over fences, he's good and will go over them after Christmas."

Forward March, the very first runner for Mrs Janet Stennett from Shropshire, was a 40th birthday present and gave her a fairy-tale start to ownership. She said: "I backed *him* on the Tote, my cleaner has had £1 each-way, my children have had £2 each-way and my mother backed him."

Charlie Elsey, third generation of the famous training family, saddled his first winner over jumps on his first visit to Hereford when Occamist landed the odds by a convincing seven lengths in the seller.

Elsey, 31 a few days ago, moved from Malton to Lambourn last October hoping the move would bring him more horses. "It seems to have worked, I've now got 22 including quite a good little bunch of hurdlers, I've got yearlings and I shall be going to the Breeze-Up Sales."

Bastard ban

Malcolm Bastard was suspended for four days (from December 8) by the Hereford stewards yesterday, for hitting Travel Music "with a degree of severity which injured." After Travel Music had finished fourth in the seller, veterinary officer Jill Newsome reported to the stewards that the filly had returned to the unsaddling enclosure marked and injured.

Gulfstream bid

American businessman Bertram Firestone and a Japanese sports firm Victoria Company Ltd have filed a joint application to purchase Gulfstream Park racecourse in Florida for a reported £62 million. Gulfstream Park recently played host to the Breeders' Cup series.

Blinkered first time

LINGFIELD: 12.0 James River. 1.55 Ganger Camp, Supreme Blues. 2.55 Clos Du Bois.

Mullins sees stewards over Redundant Pal

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Redundant Pal, winner of The Ladbroke Hurdle last January, came back to form on his second run of the new campaign when easily taking the Newbridge Hurdle at Naas yesterday.

Running against two previous winners of the big Leopardstown event, Bonalma and Roark, Redundant Pal went in immediate chase of the leader Granville Hotel and the pair dominated the finish.

Redundant Pal, the 5-2 favourite, pleasantly surprised his champion trainer Paddy Mullins after a poor initial run in a handicap at Leopardstown recently.

Mullins, who was asked to explain the turn-around in form with the runner-up, said: "He made no real show at Leopardstown, being taken off his feet by a very fast gallop. This was more his style, but at the moment I'm not quite sure where he will run next."

The stewards took a more serious view after the Kilcullen Maiden Hurdle when interviewing trainer Tony Keane and jockey Michael Moran after Black Horse Lad (12-1) had finished seventh of the 13 finishers. The stewards felt that Black Horse Lad had not been allowed to run on his merits. Tipperary-based Keane was fined £100 and Moran stood down for seven days (December 8-14 inclusive).

WARWICK

Selections

By Mandarin

12.30 ATHENS GATE (nap). 1.00 Guiburn's Nephew. 1.30 Some Do Not. 2.00 Vulrory's Clown. 2.30 Cross Master. 3.00 Below Zero. 3.30 Ghadbbaan.

Michael Seely's selection: 12.30 Athens Gate.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 12.30 ATHENS GATE.

Going: firm

12.30 ASKETT NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,224: 2m) (5 runners)

1 423162 SAMOVAR 14 (D,F) (J Joseph) J Joseph 4-10-12 ... B de Haan 77
2 2 ATHENS GATE 12 (D Douglas) N Tinkler 5-10-10 ... G McCourt ● 99
3 PP/0-F MIKES BOYS 29 (P Oakley) J Sayers 5-10-10 ... M Furlong —
4 4F0- PARK STREET 237 (P Idris) O Sherwood 4-10-10 ... J Osborne 90
5 00- MATWAPA 12F (A Pavlo) Mrs D Haine 4-10-5 ... S Smith Eccles —

BETTING: 1-4 Athens Gate, 7-2 Park Street, 8-1 Samovar, 16-1 Matwapa, 33-1 Mikes Boys.

1988: ALEKHINE 4-10-10 M Pitman (5-1) Mrs J Pitman 25 ran

FORM FOCUS SAMOVAR was beaten 15l by Sing The Blues in a handicap on Lingfield's Equitrack last time out (2m, standard). ATHENS GATE will be odds-on after his hurdling debut at Ascot, when he failed by only a neck to deny Scudamore his record on Arden, and had the 3rd 25l back (2m, good to firm). MIKES BOYS was beaten when falling 3 out in General Glory's Newbury contest earlier this month (2m 100yd, good). PARK STREET was tried against some smart juveniles last season, running his best race first time out when 9l 4th to Wonder Man at Windsor (2m 30yd, good).
Selection: ATHENS GATE

1.0 SHIRLEY NOVICES CHASE (£2,583: 2m) (7 runners)

1 45RF5-1 GUIBURN'S NEPHEW 10 (D,F) (Mrs R Steed) P Hobbs 7-11-2 ... H Davies ● 99
2 062 AFRICAN SAFARI 6 (Lord Carrick) P Cundell 5-10-10 ... R Strange 78
3 0/0/18-2 CONNEMARA DAWN 14 (F,S) (Avondum Ltd) R Holder 5-10-10 ... N Coleman 72
4 43RF0-4 COURTBROOK 9 (R Gulding) R Lee 8-10-10 ... B Dowling 97
5 43064-0 FRANKTON 28 (Mrs P Slawson) M Wilkinson 8-10-10 ... C Llewellyn 86
6 600443- WESTERN DANDY 225 (F,S) (Mrs D Fletcher) N Gaselee 6-10-10 ... B Powell 96
7 3-05455 WHISTLING EDGE 9 (B,F) (Mrs P Joynes) K Bridgwater 6-10-5 ... R Dunwoody —

BETTING: 2-1 Western Dandy, 5-2 Guiburn's Nephew, 9-2 Connemara Dawn, 6-1 Courtbrook, 8-1 African Safari, 10-1 Whistling Edge, 12-1 Frankton.

1988: HILL'S PAGEANT 9-10-10 K Mooney (2-1 fav) F Walwyn 11 ran

FORM FOCUS GUIBURN'S NEPHEW was an easy 10l Windsor winner from Multum In Parvo (2m 40yd, good to firm). AFRICAN SAFARI jumped well but was beaten 12l by odds-on London Leader in a match at Leicester (2m, firm). CONNEMARA DAWN beaten 25l by Wink Gulliver at Taunton (2m 110yd, good to firm). COURTBROOK led three out but weakened quickly when 30l 4th to Rolling Dice at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, firm). FRANKTON finished last season with a 13¾l 4th to Starjestic in a Southwell handicap (2m 74yd, soft). WESTERN DANDY pulled hard when 28l 3rd to Pin's Pride in Listed event at Cheltenham in April (2m 4f, good to soft).
Selection: GUIBURN'S NEPHEW

1.30 KNIGHTON NOVICES HURDLE (£2,066: 2m 5f) (5 runners)

1 - ANNIES ROSE (Mrs N Matthews) P Pritchard 4-10-10 ... S J O'Neill —
2 6006- FISHING SEASON 198 (G Ratcliff) Mrs A Ratcliff 4-10-10 ... T Pitfield (5) —
3 305-F35 FRAMPTON HOUSE 15 (A Wright) M Charles 7-10-10 ... A Jones ● 99
4 8 SOME DO NOT 17 (Catlow Farming & Developments Ltd) N Henderson 5-10-10 J White 97
5 6005-03 TRYUMPHANT LAD 10 (Try Group Plc) T Jones 5-10-10 ... H Davies 83

BETTING: 4-5 Some Do Not, 7-4 Frampton House, 8-1 Annies Rose, 12-1 Tryumphant Lad, 16-1 Fishing Season.

1988: REGARDLESS 6-10-10 M Brennan (10-1) J Blundell 22 ran

FORM FOCUS FRAMPTON HOUSE is still a maiden after 16 starts but has every chance on his 8¾l 3rd to Last House in a Stratford handicap four weeks ago (2m 6f, good). SOME DO NOT is likely to improve on his 29l 6th to Dianes Destiny on his debut at Wolverhampton (2m 6f 110yd, good). TRYUMPHANT LAD was beaten 34¾l into 5th behind Uncle Eli in a Newbury handicap in March (2m 4f 120yd, soft).
Selection: FRAMPTON HOUSE

2.0 TAXINEWS MAGAZINE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,003: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

1 11232-5 VULRORY'S CLOWN 9 (D,F,G,S) (T Bayley) O Brennan 11-11-11 ... M Brennan ● 99
2 0-2116F POINT MADE 9 (F,G,S) (A Deal) J Bosley 8-10-11 ... M Bosley 95
3 33-4331 SOLAR CLOUD 5 (CD,F,G,S) (R Harris) M Charles 7-10-9 (6ex) ... J Railton (3) 94
4 U36222 NUMERATE 10 (D,F,G,S) (M Giles) P Davis 10-10-4 ... Tanya Davies 90
5 P5U5/P5 DOUBLE UP 8 (CD,F) (Mrs P Hargreaves) Mrs P Hargreaves 12-10-2 ... C Llewellyn —
6 1/2PP5U MALISTRANO 9 (B,F,G,S) (J Upson) J Upson 8-10-0 ... R Dunwoody 81

Long handicap: Malistrano 9-8.

BETTING: 7-4 Vulrory's Clown, 3-1 Solar Cloud, 4-1 Numerate, 5-1 Point Made, 12-1 Double Up, 20-1 Malistrano.

1988: PRIDE HILL 6-10-9 P Nicholls (6-1) D Barons 17 ran

FORM FOCUS VULRORY'S CLOWN will be fitter for last week's reappearance and has strong claims on a 2l 3rd to Macroom at Newbury in March (2m 4f, good). POINT MADE was a 6l Stratford winner from Tinas Lad last month (2m, good). SOLAR CLOUD finished tired when 4l Towcester winner from Cash Crisis (2m 5f 110yd, firm). NUMERATE is a shadow of his former self and was beaten 10l by Silver Pale in a moderate Leicester event last time (2m 4f, firm). MALISTRANO is another who has not reproduced form of old and on his reappearance was beaten 25l in a match with Rentaghost at Southwell (2m, good to firm).
Selection: VULRORY'S CLOWN (Nap)

2.30 WESTMINSTER MOTOR TAXI INSURANCE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,807: 3m 1f) (4 runners)

1 554-211 CROSS MASTER 3 (D,F,G,S) (Harlow Bros Ltd) T Bill 12-12-2 (3ex) ... J Railton (3) ● 99
2 1431P/ RIGHT CARD 919 (D,F,G,S) (T Clyde) P Bailey 11-12-0 ... Mr E Bailey (7) —
3 2546/31- FIB 165 (D,F) (Mrs S Greathead) T Greathead 7-10-6 ... W Humphreys (3) 94
4 5063-51 TEWTRELL LAD 19 (F) (Tewtrell Ltd) J Bukovets 8-10-1 ... J Storey 94

BETTING: 4-6 Cross Master, 2-1 Tewtrell Lad, 7-2 Fib, 8-1 Right Card.

1988: CONEY GLEN 12-11-2 H Davies (7-1) V Bishop 12 ran

FORM FOCUS CROSS MASTER makes a quick reappearance after scoring at Nottingham (3m, good to firm) on Monday, beating Samsun 2l. RIGHT CARD missed the whole of last season after being pulled up lame at Worcester in September 1987. Had previously scored at Hereford (3m 1f, firm), beating Native Break 2¾l. FIB ran in hunter chases last season, winning at Hereford (3m 1f, hard) in May when left clear to beat Brave Admiral a distance. TEWTRELL LAD was driven out on the run-in to beat Marshlander 4l at Windsor (3m, good to firm).
Selection: CROSS MASTER

3.0 WILLERSEY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,590: 2m) (4 runners)

1 23PPP5 BELOW ZERO 8 (D,G) (V Dolan) L Codd 8-11-10 ... Lorna Vincent ● 99
2 1-32033 L'ENCHERE 9 (D,G) (Racing Thoroughbreds Plc) G Gracey 4-10-8 ... D Gallagher (3) 94
3 36609-4 INDIAN STREAM 28 (G Lucas) J Bradley 5-10-7 ... G Davies —
4 00/00 HOISTED 12 (D Thompson) C Smith 5-10-7 ... D Telfer (7) 89

Long handicap: Indian Stream 10-6, Hoisted 9-7.

BETTING: 4-6 Below Zero, 2-1 L'Enchere, 6-1 Indian Stream, 20-1 Hoisted.

1988: TERRA DI SIENA 6-10-12 Peter Hobbs (15-2) P Hobbs 14 ran

FORM FOCUS BELOW ZERO was beaten 25l when 5th to High Finance at Southwell (2m 4f, standard). L'ENCHERE has proved consistent and went clear at Plumpton (2m, good to firm) only to weaken on the run-in and finish beaten under 3l by Carpet Capers. INDIAN STREAM stayed on too late in handicap company at Stratford (2m, good), finishing 47l 4th of 14 to Kameo Style.
Selection: L'ENCHERE

3.30 ASKETT NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,224: 2m) (6 runners)

1 AIR COMMANDER (D Knox) O Sherwood 4-10-10 ... J Osborne —
2 5 GHADBBAAN 8 (Full Circle Thoroughbreds F Plc) N Tinkler 5-10-10 ... G McCourt ● 99
3 0- RADICAL VIEWS 243 (D Stoddart) N Gaselee 4-10-10 ... B Powell —
4 P/0006-4 THE LIDGATE STAR 12 (Mrs J McHugh) M Tate 6-10-10 ... M Hawke (3) 71
5 P03-0 JUNAC 15 (Mrs S Minns) Mrs S Minns 5-10-5 ... N Coleman —
6 STRAIGHT GOLD 38F (R Hughes) S Cole 4-10-5 ... R Bellamy (7) —

BETTING: 6-4 Ghadbbaan, 5-2 Air Commander, 5-1 Radical Views, 8-1 The Lidgate Star, 12-1 Junac, Straight Gold.

1988: CASH IS KING 4-10-10 M Pitman (9-4 fav) Mrs J Pitman 21 ran

FORM FOCUS AIR COMMANDER, by Strong Gale, is related to several useful performers, including promising stable-companion Southerly Buster. GHADBBAAN made late progress to finish over 20l 5th of 15 to Latent Talent at Haydock (2m 4f, good to soft). THE LIDGATE STAR turned in best effort to date when 15¾l 4th of 8 to Devils Elbow over course and distance (good to firm). STRAIGHT GOLD proved consistent on the Flat and turned in a good effort on latest outing when 15l 2nd of 18 to Kovalevskia at Folkestone (1m 4f, good).
NO SELECTION

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
G Gracey	3	13	23.1
O Sherwood	9	44	20.5
N Henderson	10	50	20.0
P Bailey	6	31	19.4
N Gaselee	6	35	17.1
R Lee	3	29	10.3

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
D Gallagher	3	16	18.8
S Smith Eccles	9	71	12.7
C Llewellyn	5	45	11.1
R Dunwoody	13	123	10.6
H Davies	9	90	10.0
G McCourt	7	77	9.1

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

CARLISLE

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Tower Steps. 1.15 Old Dutch Holburn. 1.45 Fiefdom. 2.15 Bolshoi Boy. 2.45 Polar Nomad. 3.15 Marcellina.

Michael Seely's selection: 12.45 Tower Steps.

Going firm, good to firm in places.

12.45 CALDBECK NOVICES HURDLE (£1,870: 2m 1f 110yd) (15 runners)

1 3440-U1 COQUETA 17 (CD,G) (P Lawton) E Alston 4-10-13 ... M Alston (7) 87
2 0303-34 BIG BELL BOY 17 (C J Spencer) Denys Smith 4-10-10 ... C Grant 92
3 36-0006 CAPTAIN MANNERING 10 (V) (D J Deer) L Codd 4-10-10 ... Mr D Swindlehurst —
4 0F40/ JUSTICE LEA 585 (J Sweeney) T Cuthbert 9-10-10 ... R Crank 92
5 42P4-02 MIRAGE DANCER 17 (G White) Miss C Carroe 6-10-10 ... T Reed —
6 FP-P050 MOVING TIME 22 (K Adey) N Chamberlain 4-10-10 ... G Harker 88
7 06-5 PARTRIDGE FLATT 22 (R Parker) B Wilkinson 4-10-10 ... Peter Caldwell ● 99
8 3-3 RODCHENKO 9 (Miss S Mein) T Caldwell 4-10-10 ... C Hawkins —
9 SKOLERN 111F (Mrs P Barker) Mrs P Barker 5-10-10 ... B Storey 97
10 52-2 TOWER STEPS 22 (A Bell) C Parker 4-10-10 ... A J Quinn (7) —
11 TRIPLE TOP 52F (B Roberts) Miss L Siddall 4-10-10 ... M Dwyer —
12 9 WIMBORNE 17 (D McKenzie) R Bastiman 4-10-10 ... Ger Lyons (3) —
13 FP- BELLA SOFIE 61F (J Hickie) I Semple 5-10-5 ... C Dennis (5) 69
14 0444/0-3 BOLD AD 65 (P Lockeron) J Charlton 5-10-5 ... S Woods (5) 79
15 20/00-04 OXALIS 12 (C Cole) R Dods 5-10-5 ... —

BETTING: 9-4 Tower Steps, 5-2 Rodchenko 4-1 Mirage Dancer, 6-1 Big Bell Boy, 8-1 Coqueta, Partridge Flatt, 10-1 Oxalis, 14-1 others.

1988: HOMME D'AFFAIRE 5-10-10 M Kinane (5-4 fav) R O'Sullivan 18 ran

1.15 ASPATRIA SELLING HURDLE (£1,562: 2m 1f 110yd) (7 runners)

1 000-531 OLD DUTCH HOLBORN 9 (G) (Unique Racing Plc) C Beever 4-11-12 ... B McGill (7) ● 99
2 24-41F2 PRIMROSE STAR 12 (BF,F) (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 4-11-7 ... C Grant 97
3 PP04-4 OPTIMISTIC LADY 6 (P Needham) J Johnson 4-11-2 ... A G Smith (7) 82
4 BOBBY ON THE BANK 23F (R Molyneux) M O'Neill 3-10-7 ... M Meagher —
5 85 CROMWELL POINT 12 (C Taylor) C Thornton 3-10-7 ... A Orkney —
6 6P PIT PIECE 12 (B) (Mrs J Tait) J S Wilson 3-10-7 ... L Wyer —
7 FOLLOW THAT TAXI 66F (Mrs M Ashton) N Bycroft 3-10-2 ... R Fahey —

BETTING: 6-4 Primrose Star, 2-1 Old Dutch Holborn, 6-1 Optimistic Lady, 8-1 Bobby On The Bank, Cromwell Point, 14-1 Pit Piece, 20-1 Follow That Taxi.

1988: THE OVERNIGHT MAN 3-10-7 T Wall (10-1) B McMahon 9 ran

1.45 HEADS NOOK NOVICES CHASE (£1,930: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

1 36P-1P6 FIEFDOM 6 (F,G,S) (C Clark) W Storey 9-11-3 ... A Carroll —
2 422-344 INTERIM LIB 12 (R Henderson) Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-3 ... Mr J Bradburne ● 99
3 24F-F32 KAMSEL 6 (G) (Mrs A Page) W A Stephenson 6-11-3 ... C Grant 96
4 R5/2FU-B PALANQUIN 17 (Mrs J Benson) Miss M Benson 7-11-3 ... T Reed 95

BETTING: 6-4 Fiefdom, 2-1 Kamsel, 11-4 Interim Lib, 14-1 Palanquin.

1988: SHOON WIND 5-11-4 M Hammond (3-1) C Beever 8 ran

2.15 HESKET NEWMARKET NOVICES HURDLE (£1,674: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

1 50-6 ALAICBRUN 20 (Mrs M Kenyon) R Earnshaw 4-10-10 ... Ger Lyons (3) —
2 0005/0 BAY CHASER 20 (C Rennison) W Storey 6-10-10 ... K Doolan —
3 0-05 BE PATIENT MY SON 48 (Miss C Carroe) Miss C Carroe 8-10-10 ... R Crank 79
4 06-3 BOLSHOI BOY 21 (P R D Fasteners Ltd) Mrs S Oliver 5-10-10 ... R Hyett 88
5 00 LUCKY JORDON 28 (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 8-10-10 ... C Grant —
6 05-4R6 MUCK OR MONEY 22 (J Herdman) J Charlton 5-10-10 ... C Dennis (5) 85
7 44633- ROYAL INVADER 243 (R Dods) R Dods 5-10-10 ... S Woods (5) ● 99
8 0-5FP HAMPTON GRANGE 21 (Mrs K Dolan) L Codd 5-10-5 ... R Fahey —
9 0-4P MISS TIMBER TOPPER 28 (B G Riley & Son Ltd) Miss L Siddall 5-10-5 ... A J Quinn (7) 81
10 400 ON THE HOOCH 18 (J Bradburne) Mrs S Bradburne 4-10-5 ... Mr J Bradburne —
11 4 SHANKHOUSE GIRL 42 (S Ramsey) J Charlton 5-10-5 ... B Storey —

BETTING: 2-1 Bolshoi Boy, 3-1 Lucky Jordon, 5-1 Royal Invader, 6-1 Muck Or Money, 10-1 Shankhouse Girl, Alaicbrun, Miss Timber Topper, 14-1 others.

1988: FARNWORTH 5-11-4 M Hammond (5-4 fav) G Moore 11 ran

2.45 DALSTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,604: 3m) (2 runners)

1 24-3P3F THE LANGHOLM DYER 8 (D,F,G,S) G Richards 10-11-11 ... Mr P Doyle (5) ● 99
2 P033-26 POLAR NOMAD 22 (D,BF,F,S) (James Stoddart Ltd) W A Stephenson 9-11-8 ... C Grant 93

BETTING: 4-5 Polar Nomad, evens The Langholm Dyer.

1988: SAXON SLAVE 7-11-2 N Doughty (14-1) M Jefferson 7 ran

3.15 LADBROKE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,618: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

1 1414-00 GURTEEN BOY 17 (D,S) (J Land) J O'Neill 7-11-10 ... R Supple (3) 90
2 4/100P-1 FLODDEN FIELD 57 (G,D,F,S) (A Taylor) B Wilkinson 6-11-2 ... M Hammond 97
3 08P/661 MARCELLINA 17 (CD,G,S) (Mrs M Charlton) E Alston 7-11-0 ... C Grant 98
4 13203-2 SOLAR TIME 55 (F,G) (Unique Racing Plc) C Beever 8-10-10 ... B McGill (7) ● 99
5 020-443 FESTIVE FLING 19 (Mrs J Madeley) Denys Smith 4-10-6 ... D Crossman (7) 98
6 043-P5P FAITHFUL DON 12 (F,G) (Mrs L Hall) Mrs L Hall 10-10-0 ... G Harker 83

BETTING: 5-2 Solar Time, 3-1 Flodden Field, 7-2 Marcellina, 4-1 Festive Fling, 6-1 Gurteen Boy, 20-1 Faithful Don.

1988: HADDON LAD 5-11-1 M Dwyer (12-1) Miss A King 13 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
C Thornton	4	15	26.7
G Richards	27	139	19.4
J S Wilson	3	17	17.6
J J O'Neill	7	40	17.5
C Parker	9	55	16.4
Denys Smith	5	33	15.2

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
L Wyer	8	13	6.2
Mr P Doyle	3	14	21.4
M Hammond	11	64	17.2
C Grant	17	111	15.3
M Dwyer	6	44	13.6
C Hawkins	6	44	13.6

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LINGFIELD PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

12.0 London Louise. 12.25 Able Rocket. 12.55 Sao Paulo. 1.25 Gingernut. 1.55 Juvenara. 2.25 Able Player. 2.55 Tauber. 3.25 Iron King.

Michael Seely's nap: 2.25 ABLE PLAYER.

Going: standard

12.00 VITTORIA CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: £2,245: 1m 4f) (12 runners)

1 1-09 PROUD PATRIOT 35J (D,F,) R Akehurst 4-8-9 B Rouse 4
2 0005 JAMES RIVER 21 (B) J Dunlop 3-8-5 ... A McGlone 3
3 0020 DEAR MIFF 82 (B,F) A Bailey 4-8-4 ... G Carter 9
4 35 LONDON LOUISE 95 R Williams 3-8-4 ... R Hills 1
5 -005 PERUZZI 167 M Usher 3-8-4 ... M Wigham 2
6 0005 CHIC-ANITA 17J T Hallett 4-8-2 ... N Adams 10
7 6648 DR ZEVA 31 J Jenkins 3-8-2 ... NON-RUNNER 5
8 06 MIDNIGHT FLAME 7 M Fetherston-Godley 3-8-2 ... N Howe 12
9 0005 THIMBALINA 80 L Cottrell 3-8-2 ... T Lang 11
10 -000 TROPICAL RAGS 27 P Makin 3-7-12 ... G Duffield 6
11 8- COEURETTE 409 H Candy 3-7-11 ... G Bardwell 8
12 000 CHROEMARLIN 27 J Payne 3-7-9 ... P Hutton (5) 7

5-2 James River, 3-1 Proud Patriot, 7-2 Dear Miff, 6-1 Chic-Anita, 8-1 Peruzzi, 10-1 Coeurette, 12-1 others.

12.25 BUSACO RIDGE MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £2,448: 6f) (14)

1 02 ABLE ROCKET 12 Mrs N Macauley 9-0 ... N Adams 7
2 0 DENCAST 19 S Norton 9-0 ... K Darley 11
3 LATIN LEEP J Pearce 9-0 ... J Williams 10
4 0 NIGHTMARE KNAVE 20 W Carter 9-0 ... G Duffield 4
5 0055 RUN HOME 24 R Akehurst 9-0 ... B Rouse 9
6 22 TENDER CHARM 189 (BF) Mrs L Piggott 9-0 G Carter 6
7 0403 TREACLE MINE 7 M Usher 9-0 ... M Wigham 14
8 0 BRIGARA 38 P Howling 8-9 ... N Day 1
9 0030 CHINA MOON 40 F Durr 8-9 ... S Parks 3
10 00 CLOCK GOLF 24 R Johnson Houghton 8-9 ... R Hills 2
11 FLAMBOYANCE J Ringer 8-9 ... P D'Arcy 12
12 6000 HOT HOPE 21 J Bridger 8-9 ... Rachel Bridger (7) 8
13 0503 LIZZY CANTLE 21 C Wildman 8-9 ... NON-RUNNER 13
14 536 MAISON DES FRUITS 29 C Allen 8-9 ... G Bardwell 5

7-4 Able Rocket, 5-2 Tender Charm, 4-1 Treacle Mine, 13-2 Run Home, 9-1 Flamboyance, 14-1 others.

12.55 VITTORIA CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: £2,226: 1m 4f) (11)

1 2524 SAO PAULO 97 C Allen 3-9-1 ... R Morse 11
2 0048 PRIME WARDEN 110 J Toller 3-8-10 ... G Duffield 6
3 -000 MELFA 12 (F) J Davies 4-8-8 ... — 1
4 0085 SCALES OF JUSTICE 21 J Hills 3-8-7 ... R Hills 4
5 0033 GOOD MEDICINE 12 (V,S) P Felgate 4-8-5 R Price (7) 5
6 LE SAINT GERAN H Collingridge 3-8-5 ... M Rimmer 2
7 6260 WHITE RIVER 73 D Haydn Jones 3-8-5 ... M Wigham 9
8 0600 FESTIVE FALCON 27 P Makin 3-8-3 ... G Carter 3
9 8U00 KATIE SCARLETT 7 J Bridger 3-8-2 ... — 10
10 000 MILCLERE 51 W Wightman 3-8-2 ... A McGlone 8
11 0335 RISATINA 34J (B) Mrs A Knight 3-8-0 ... N Adams 7

9-4 Prime Warden, 3-1 Sao Paulo, 4-1 Good Medicine, 6-1 Risatina, 8-1 Scales Of Justice, 10-1 White River, 12-1 others.

1.25 BUSACO RIDGE MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £2,427: 6f) (14)

1 2040 AUTOBIRD 131 C Allen 9-0 ... G Duffield 13
2 00 BALZAON KNIGHT 54 P Makin 9-0 ... R Hills 9
3 0402 COPPERBOTTOM 7 R Smyth 9-0 ... N Adams 6
4 0000 COSMIC DANCER 38 F Durr 9-0 ... S Parks 11
5 2360 GINGERNUT 7 M Usher 9-0 ... M Wigham 1
6 GREEN'S COROT P Cole 9-0 ... K Darley 4
7 0602 GUARANTEE 12 C Britain 9-0 ... N Day 3
8 440 SHANNON EXPRESS 27 P Kelleway 9-0 . J Williams 12
9 4004 SOCKEM 21 C Williams 9-0 ... B Rouse 2
10 0 STRAT'S LEGACY 54 D Arbuthnot 9-0 ... G Bardwell 14
11 00 SUSANNA'S SECRET 20 Mrs L Piggott 9-0 G Duffield 8
12 360 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT 126 W Pearce 9-0 A McGlone 7
13 00 DORSET DELIGHT 12 T Thomson Jones 8-9 ... — 5
14 0 SHOCKING AFFAIR 24 J Payne 8-9 ... P Hutton (5) 10

11-8 Copperbottom, 4-1 Shannon Express, 5-1 Guarantee, 8-1 Gingernut, 12-1 Autobird, 14-1 Green's Corot, Sockem, 16-1 others.

1.55 CORUNNA HANDICAP (£2,343: 1m 2f) (14)

1 0430 EXCELSIS 108 J Dunlop 3-9-10 ... B Rouse 3
2 0000 REALISM 14J (F,S) K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-10 ... G Bardwell 10
3 5040 WYKEHAMIST 7 (CD,G,S) C Benstead 6-9-4 ... M Rimmer 7
4 0213 HABETA 22 (F) J Watts 3-9-4 ... G Duffield 5
5 -200 SAMOAAN CHARGER 166 R Voorspuy 3-9-2 N Howe 9
6 00-4 VALTAKI 21J (G) L Codd 4-9-0 ... Ron Hillis (5) 11
7 0312 JUVENARA 7 (F) R Hodges 3-8-13 ... N Adams 13
8 505 RAPPORTEUR 157 C Elsey 3-8-10 ... J Williams 4
9 4044 GANGER CAMP 7 (V) L Holt 3-8-10 ... G Carter 14
10 5200 ACONITUM 22 (F,G,S) J Jenkins 8-8-9 ... N Day 8
11 0636 ZARRARA 21 (B) P Cole 3-8-9 ... K Darley 12
12 2000 BANKER MASON 23 N Callaghan 3-8-8 ... M Wigham 1
13 040 FASHION SCENE 27 J Hills 3-8-8 ... R Hills 2
14 -004 SUPREME BLUES 31 (B) M Brittain 3-8-7 . S Maloney 6

2-1 Juvenara, 3-1 Excelsis, 5-1 Habeta, 8-1 Ganger Camp, Zarrara, 14-1 Supreme Blues, 16-1 others.

2.25 ALMARAZ NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,937: 1m) (12)

1 51 SCOTS LAW 147 (F) C Britain 9-7 ... N Day 2
2 541 BARDOLPH 138 (C,F) P Cole 9-6 ... M Wigham 5
3 461 CALGARY REDEYE 21 (CD) P Makin 9-6 ... R Hills 6
4 6301 SAN PIER NICETO 21 (CD) R Boss 9-5 ... G Carter 4
5 1000 TRUE GEORGE 33 (F) J Bethell 9-5 .. S O'Gorman (5) 1
6 1003 WALKERN WITCH 19 (G) D Thom 9-3 ... J Williams 7
7 F041 ABLE PLAYER 12 Mrs N Macauley 9-3 ... N Adams 3
8 3331 WOODSIDE HEATH 31 (C) R Hannon 9-2 ... B Rouse 8
9 2120 MARASOL 52 (D,F) J Dunlop 9-0 ... G Duffield 9
10 021 SHIFTING BREEZE 29 (D,S) T Thomson Jones 9-0 ... K Darley 12
11 2610 FREDDIE'S STAR 109 (F) R Bennett 9-0 W Wharton 10
12 030 GRONDOLA 26 P Kelleway 8-11 ... G Bardwell 11

3-1 Able Player, 4-1 Woodside Heath, 5-1 San Pier Niceto, 13-2 Marasol, 8-1 Calgary Redeye, 10-1 others.

2.55 BADAJOZ HANDICAP (£2,962: 1m) (12)

1 0002 MEL'S ROSE 22 (F,G) G Huffer 4-10-0 NON-RUNNER 12
2 1113 TAUBER 7 (C,BF,F,G,S) Pat Mitchell 5-9-12 ... S O'Gorman (5) 1
3 0500 SINGLE 47 (D,F,G,S) W Wightman 7-9-10 . J Williams 2
4 5120 ASSIGNMENT 35 (F) P Cole 3-9-7 ... G Duffield 3
5 0444 OVERPOWER 22 (D,F,S) J Watts 5-9-7 ... A Mercer 6
6 8400 VANROY 7 (D,F,G,S) J Jenkins 5-9-5 ... N Day 9
7 0254 BOLD HABIT 38 (F) W Pearce 4-9-3 ... B Rouse 8
8 0480 BORN WITH A VEIL 12 D Haydn Jones 3-9-2 G Carter 5
9 0025 BROWN PEPPER 28 (BF) R Akehurst 3-9-2 ... R Hills 11
10 5330 CLOS DU BOIS 12 (V) Mrs N Macauley 3-9-1 ... N Adams 10
11 5106 CROSBY 21 (C,F,G,S) J Payne 3-8-12 ... R P Elliott 7
12 3084 SHARP THISTLE 54 (F) W Musson 3-8-12 M Wigham 4

7-4 Tauber, 4-1 Bold Habit, 5-1 Brown Pepper, 9-1 Sharp Thistle, 12-1 Assignment, Overpower, 16-1 others.

3.25 SALAMANCA HANDICAP (£2,461: 7f) (14)

1 8004 MAYDAY MIRACLE 81 (S) J Watts 3-9-10. G Duffield 5
2 1054 IRON KING 21 (F,G) R Hannon 3-9-8 ... B Rouse 13
3 0203 ALEXANDRA KATRINE 12 R Johnson Houghton 3-9-8 ... R Hills 10
4 2400 BEECHWOOD COTTAGE 3J (B,D,F,G,S) A Bailey 6-9-6 ... G Carter 1
5 5100 NEVADA MIX 31 (D,F,G) N Gaselee 5-9-6 ... N Howe 3
6 0082 ASBAAB 31 (F) W Musson 4-9-6 ... M Wigham 2
7 2006 PERSIAN LUCK 153 P Cole 3-9-4 ... K Darley 4
8 2600 LAKE DANCER 7 J Payne 3-9-2 ... R P Elliott 6
9 0212 NIKLAS ANGEL 7 (B,C,D,BF,F,G) C Allen 3-9-2 R Morse
10 3200 LONG ARM OF THE LAW 28 (B,G) W Pearce 3-8-13 ... A McGlone 14
11 5302 CHART CROSS 23 (F) N Callaghan 3-8-12 ... — 11
12 5030 MANHUNT 21 J Dunlop 3-8-11 ... N Day 7
13 0300 LANGHAM LADY 82 (G,S) D Haydn Jones 3-8-11 ... J Williams 9
14 0054 SARUM 7 (F) C Wildman 3-8-11 ... N Adams 8

11-4 Niklas Angel, 4-1 Asbaab, 13-2 Iron King, Nevada, 8-1 Alexandra Katrine, Manhunt, 12-1 Mayday Miracle, 14-1 others.

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Hereford

Going: good to firm

12.30 (2m hdle) 1, FORWARD MARCH (R Hyett, 33-1); 2, Altobelli (R Dunwoody, 16-1); 3, Welsh Rose (P Johnson, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Arctic Ken (4th), 11-2 Dawn Love (5th), Creve Coeur, 33 Chief's Choice, Tenofus (pu), Pullover, Strike A Chord, 66 Imshi Waheed (pu), Stormy Praise, Time Module (pu), Phyllida Fox, St Anlo (6th). 15 ran. 1½l, ¾l, nk, 2l, 15l. Mrs S Oliver at Wolverhampton. Tote: £20.70; £5.10, £2.40, £2.20. DF: £306.70. CSF: £401.94.

1.0 (2m hdle) 1, OCCAMIST (R Arnott, 4-7 fav); 2, Blue Disc (R Dunwoody, 12-1); 3, African Minstrel (T Wall, 66-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Social Circle (6th), 14 Birchgrey Lady (ur), Lescyn (f), 33 Sporting Challenge (5th), 50 Travel Music (4th), 66 Sparring (pu). 9 ran. 7l, 15l, 1l, 3l, 3l. C Elsey at Lambourn. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £150, £1.50. DF: £4.30. CSF: £8.11.

1.30 (2m 3f hdle) 1, KAMEO STYLE (J Lodder, 9-2); 2, Grace Moore (S Earle, 16-1); 3, Bahrain Bridge (R Goldstein, 100-30 fav); 4, Immortal Irish (R Dunwoody, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Suluk (5th), 8 Legal Tina (pu), 10 High Laws (pu), 14 The Tan Man, 16 Elres, Move About (6th), 20 Holt Place, 33 Toscana Redmarley (pu), Goldfields, Commanche Brave, Outwood Lass (pu). 16 ran. NR: London Windows, Mr Murdock. 7l, ½l, ¾l, 4l, 7l. F Jordan at Leominster. Tote: £5.70; £1.60, £2.10, £2.50, £2.00. DF: £50.00. CSF: £68.52. Tricast: £245.25.

2.0 (2m 3f ch) 1, THAR-AN-BHARR (R Supple, 5-2); 2, Grey Tornado (B Powell, 7-4 fav); 3, Just Mick (J Pullin, 250-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 New Halen (ur), 5 Market Leader (ur). 5 ran. 10l, dist. J Upson at Towcester. Tote: £3.50; £1.40, £1.30. DF: £3.00. CSF: £7.09.

2.30 (3m 1f hdle) 1, SQUIRE JIM (R Beggan, 6-4 fav); 2, Alsoul (Jacqui Hayes, 6-1); 3, Rivertino (R Dunwoody, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Ronnie Will (6th), Side Brace, 17-2 Hazeleaie Delight (4th), 20 Cedford Girl, 25 Ravensdale Road, 66 Athletes' Week (pu), Charlie Dagg, The Bear Lover (5th), The Berwick (pu), The Frozen Padre (pu), Another Rumour. 14 ran. 1¾l, 7l, 15l, 3l, 5l. R Brazington at Red Marley. Tote: £2.60; £2.10, £2.20, £2.00. DF: £12.30. CSF: £10.43.

3.0 (3m 1f ch) 1, FLAXEN KING (P Scudamore, 8-11 fav); 2, Lower Bill (C Llewellyn, 20-1); 3, Randolph Crescent (R Dunwoody, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 8 Celtic Dream (4th), 12 Majestic Bruno (pu), 14 Sunset Vine (f), 40 Fleet Action (pu). 7 ran. 1l, 12l, dist. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £1.90; £1.70, £4.00. DF: £16.40. CSF: £13.70.

3.30 (2m NH Flat) 1, TREFELYN CONE (M Foster, 3-1); 2, Roeltary (P Barnard, 7-4 fav); 3, Edge O' Beyond (Mr B Clifford, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Ten Deep (4th), 10 Royal Cause, 11 Cream By Post, 14 Bright Corner, 16 Jim's Mushroom, Necaga, 20 Dublin Saga (5th), Porridge Oats, 33 Boxing Belle, Gavenny Girl, Little Tugboat, Members Mettle, Morning Tide (6th), Mandy Moon. 17 ran. 12l, 7l, 4l, 4l, 1l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £6.90; £2.70, £1.90, £14.80. DF: £4.50. CSF: £8.89.

Placepot: £55.30

Hexham

Going: good.

12.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, RIVER HOUSE (C Grant, 12-1); 2, Lothian Admiral (N Doughty, 9-2); 3, Fish Quay (R Marley, 8-11 fav). ALSO RAN: 10 Green Archer (4th), Kates Fling (f), 14 Into The Mystic (5th), Belinda Vard, 16 Ice Valley, 20 Lightwater Again (pu), 33 Hoddam Brig (6th), French Aggression, Heather Moth. 12 ran. 4l, 3l, 1½l, 15l, 5l. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £25.00; £3.90, £1.80, £1.70. DF: £19.00. CSF: £68.28.

1.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, SOME MACHINE (M Dwyer, 5-1); 2, Chance Remark (M Hammond, 7-2 jt-fav); 3, Fiery Sun (R Marley, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt-fav Ha'penny Nap (4th), Jaunty Gig (f), 9-2 Furry Path (su), 16 Duke of Dolls (pu), Vicory Boy (5th), 33 Gillanbone, 50 Kitty Blake (6th). 10 ran. NR: Ascot. 8l, 5l, 15l, 4l, 1½l. J FitzGerald at Malton. Tote: £7.60; £2.10, £1.00, £3.10. DF: £24.40. CSF: £23.35. Tricast: £175.22. No bid.

1.45 (3m ch) 1, TASAR (C Grant, 5-1); 2, The Shuffler (M Dwyer, 6-4 fav); 3, The Maltkiln (A Orkney, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Pyjamas (f), 9 Fair Echo (pu), 12 King Kanda (6th), 14 Candy Cone (pu), 20 Cool Brew (4th), Major Rouge (ur), 25 Kaim Park (f). 10 ran. 8l, 12l, 10l, 15l. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £6.30; £1.80, £1.60, £5.50. DF: £5.90. CSF: £12.89. Tricast: £212.67.

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, HOUGHTON (C Grant, 10-11 fav); 2, Stay Awake (M Dwyer, 15-1); 3, Rusileo (Ger Lyons, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Southend Scallywag, 7 Revaro (5th), 10 Dartmour, 14 Outstanding Bill (4th), Colonna, 20 La Castana (6th), 33 Dinsdale Lad (pu), Firm Policy, Lyndan Lass. 12 ran. 1½l, 10l, 6l, 4l, 8l. M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton. Tote: £1.90; £1.20, £5.50, £3.70. DF: £21.10. CSF: £20.10.

2.45 (2m ch) 1, THE ANTARTEX (N Doughty, 4-11 fav); 2, Royal Greek (M Hammond, 4-1); 3, Speech (C Grant, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11 Ainsty Fox (ur), 12 Hi Wallie (4th), 20 Marsir (5th), 25 Talk No Trash (6th). 7 ran. NR: Crash Market. 5l, 5l, 25l, 15l, 20l. G Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £3.30. DF: £2.50. CSF: £2.98.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, RAMILIE (M Dwyer, 12-1); 2, Strong Fancy (P Harris, 8-1); 3, Aldra Bond (M Hammond, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Mowthorpe (4th), 6 Armagret (5th), 13-2 Heavenly Hoofer (6th), 12 Good Mood, 14 Generals Boy, Young Pageant, 50 Mighty Supremo. 10 ran. 4l, hd, 5l, 1½l, 1½l. Mrs G Reveley at Malton. Tote: £12.40; £4.90, £2.30, £1.50. DF: £132.70. CSF: £83.75. Tricast: £208.70.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF PHYSICAL RECREATION CONFERENCE

Moynihan calls for one voice

By John Goodbody

In a contentious if positive address, Colin Moynihan yesterday told British sport that it had to speak with "one clear voice" if it is to become a powerful political lobby in the 1990s.

The Minister for Sport, who was speaking at the opening of the 16th conference of the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR), criticized the use of inaccurate facts in the debate about the sale of playing fields. He stated that any demand for additional funding from Government was being harmed when the Public Accounts Committee expressed its concern about the use of public money in British sport.

Seventy national governing bodies, which are members of the CCPR, were present as the Minister said that British sport should speak with "one body, one voice. All duplication and politicking should disappear" he said.

This is a clear reference to the in-fighting that has bedevilled British sport in the 1980s with the overlapping of responsibilities, leading inevitably to disputes and jealousy between the three main umbrella bodies.

These are: the Sports Council, the Government-funded quango which next year will distribute £44 million of taxpayers' money to the national governing bodies, national sports centres and other important projects; the CCPR, which represents the national governing bodies; and the British Olympic Association, which raises the funds to send the teams of 29 sports to the summer and winter Olympics.

However, Moynihan did accept that relations between the bodies had improved over the last year. This is partly because of the setting up of a joint liaison group with representatives from all three bodies.

The Minister, who is himself drawing up a Sports Policy Review to be published next June said: "The right way forward should only come from Government when the national governing bodies do not deliver". He cited as an example the football membership Bill, which the Government only introduced when the football authorities had failed to eradicate hooliganism.

In a jibe at the recent violent incidents on the field he said: "Players should be setting an example and not descending to the level of the hooligans."

Moynihan said that the strength of a case of the Minister is severely weakened by the fact that fellow MPs were criticizing the financing and accountability in British sport.

This week the Public Accounts Committee of the House of Commons questioned whether the money given to the CCPR was bringing "commensurate benefits". It also pointed out weaknesses in the financial control of the Sports Council and suggested that an indpendent inquiry should be set up to look at how the CCPR is spending taxpayers' money.

Ron Emes, the chairman of the CCPR, who introduced Moynihan, told the Minister of the organization's disappointment with the funding from central government.

He contrasted the "amazing success" of the Arts Council in obtaining an extra £60 million from the public purse adding that the three main opera and two theatrical companies between them received £47 million more than the total amount devoted to British sport. "The spending on sport has not been as generous as we would have hoped" Emes said.

However, Moynihan said that such an analysis was short-sighted and that over the three years that he had been Minister the total spending on sport by central and local government came to £2,338 million while on arts it was only £1,065 million.

The discrepancy arises



Moynihan: positive address

because local authorities put much more money towards the provision of sports facilities than in supporting art and culture.

Moynihan urged British sport to have well-researched facts in its argument about the sale of playing fields and sports facilities which have been constantly highlighted in *The Times*.

He cited two examples in Guildford, Surrey where the CCPR had announced that facilities were being sold off but without mentioning that the money that was being raised was being put towards new provision for sport. Moynihan said that he had written to the CCPR for its assistance in drawing up an accurate list of those facilities which were under threat but he added "the response has not been overly encouraging".

On the imposition of competitive tendering of local facilities such as swimming pools and sports centres, the Minister emphasised that what was being sought was value for money for the tax and rate-payers. "It is competition not privatization, it is not the selling off of local facilities" he said.

He pointed out that local councils would retain the control over the private pricing of facilities although it would be obliged to give the managing of them out to tender.

Bournemouth diary

Sports Minister steps out as a late substitute

By Louise Taylor

Over afternoon tea conference delegates were speculating as to the content of a speech which was to have been delivered by John Smith, former chairman of the Sports Council and present chairman of Liverpool FC at a dinner in his honour last night.

The dinner kicked off at 7.30pm, shortly after Smith had taken his seat at Hillsborough where Liverpool were playing Sheffield Wednesday on their first return to the stadium since last spring's disaster. Smith told friends: "I'm sorry not to be in Bournemouth but there's only one place for me to be tonight."

The CCPR saved face by announcing that Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, who spoke in the afternoon, would be staying on for dinner at the Heathlands Hotel.

● Whereas most sports have dispatched heavyweight representation, usually in the form of secretaries of the various governing bodies, the Football Association are obviously not taking it too seriously and have sent a junior official in the shape of John Allpress, a development officer in north London.

● The conference may not have been worthy of Graham Kelly's presence but his counterpart at the Women's Football Association, Linda Whitehead, is here amid rumours that her offices may be transferred from Manchester in order to join the men at Lancaster Gate.

Whitehead is looking for a women's development officer to replace Michelle Cockburn, who resigned last week. The only problem is that Cockburn is the only woman in Britain to hold the FA's full coaching badge.

● The three-day conference is attended by 200 delegates from 80 sports staying in three hotels but it does not cost the CCPR a penny.

All delegates pay a subsistence fee of £140 which Peter Lawson, the CCPR's general secretary, insists "makes it the cheapest conference anywhere," and the rest is paid for by sponsorship to the collective tune of £5,000 from: Balsam (UK), British Airways, The British Sports Trust, Birmingham Recreation Department, Perkins Slade, the Sports Council, TSB, Courage Brewers and James Barrough Distillers.

● The Minister for Sport is very proud of the work of his Disabled Review Group, which reported on sports provision for the disabled recently. Yet the non-smoking Moynihan is not so pleased that the research was funded by a tobacco company.

● Moynihan's appearance in Bournemouth has involved him in a furore surrounding Calshott Activity Centre near by. The sailing and outdoor recreation centre is threatened with the bulldozer by the local authority which regards it as uneconomic. Users disagree and the conference was attended by representatives from the local council anxious to buttonhole the Minister on the issue.

Happy triangle of sports administrators

By Louise Taylor

Before delivering yesterday's address, Colin Moynihan had already accepted an invitation to dine with CCPR members, and after receiving questions from the floor he had no cause to change his mind.

The Minister for Sport described the inter-relationship of the Government, the CCPR, and the Sports Council as "a happier triangle than has existed for many years," and this was born out by the generally non-adversarial nature of questioning.

Charles Palmer, chairman of the CCPR's Games and Sports Division and a member of its executive committee, reflected the general tone when he endorsed Moynihan's insistence on the need for British sport to present a single unified voice to the rest of the world.

"Vis a vis the rest of the world, we suffer from too much fragmentation," Palmer said.

Moynihan readily concurred: "One question frequently asked internationally is which body represents sport in Britain," he said. "Is it the Sports Council, is it the BOA, or is it the CCPR? There has been far too much politicking and overlapping, leading to a lack of direction."

Ron Emes, chairman of the CCPR's executive committee, reassured the Minister that British sport was attempting the clarify the situation and cited the establishment of the BISC, British International Sports Committee, as a case in point.

This steadily warming relationship between the British sports hierarchy and Moynihan was further evidenced by the fact that two years ago pressing engagements meant he was unable to attend the CCPR's annual conference, a year ago he was available for the dinner but could not find time to speak to assembled governing bodies but this year the Minister for Sport not only addressed the conference but happily stayed on to dine with delegates.

He was even asked one of those rare questions that come as a joy to any battle weary politician.

RUGBY UNION: SOLE WILL CAPTAIN SCOTLAND ON ONE-OFF BASIS IN MATCH AGAINST ROMANIA THAT SEES THE RETURN OF CALDER

Renwick makes up for lost time and opportunity

By Alan Lorimer

Scotland's team to meet Romania at Murrayfield on December 9 contains only one new player, Lindsay Renwick, the London Scot who comes in for the injured Iwan Tukalo. There is a return for Calder, the British Isles captain, at the expense of the Selkirk flanker, Marshall, who has been demoted to the replacements.

Promotion for Renwick, who captained Scotland B against France last season, follows a period out of the game through injury which forced him to miss Scotland's tour of Japan last May and the disappointment of coming close to a full cap two seasons ago when he had an impressive district series and a good performance in the trial.

Referring to the reappointment of Sole as captain, Bob Munro, the chairman of selectors, said: "Calder has been struggling for fitness and form since returning from the Lions' tour and we thought it was right that Sole should be captain." He added: "We are treating this as a one-off game and have not appointed Sole as captain for the season."

With the continuing absence of Milne through injury, Burnell takes his place at tight-head prop but the replacement is Brewster and not Wilson, as for the Fiji match. Similarly, Wyllie is in ahead of Glasgow. Which of the two players would replace Chalmers in the likely event of the Scotland stand-off not regaining full fitness in time for the Romania match is an interesting question.

Wilson and Glasgow are among seven new players in the B side to face Ireland as a pipe-opener to the big match. One is Porter, the Malone wing. A former Scotland under-21 player in his days at Kilmarnock, he moved to Belfast, where he worked until setting up his own company.

After missing two seasons, he joined Malone and scored two tries against Instonians in a league match at the start of the season before playing for Ulster against the All Blacks.

Also new to the side are Jardine at centre, Barrett, the full back, McKenzie at hooker and MacDonald, the 6ft 8in Cambridge University lock, who was also an under-21 cap.

The surprise choice is at scrum half, where the Gala captain, Bryson, is preferred to Jardine, who was one of the Scotland party to tour Japan. Bryson last played for Scotland B in 1982 but, like several other players, has been recalled Macklin, having played between 1985 and 1987 before going to South America, not only returns to the side but does so as captain.

Among the replacements, Robertson is the unlucky member of the Stirling County and Glasgow front row not to be selected in the side; and there is an interesting choice at reserve hooker, where Allan, the Glasgow-born South African hooker, has won rapid recognition

● SYDNEY: The United States Eagles are to tour Australia next year, the Australian Rugby Football Union announced.

Scotland teams

SCOTLAND: G Hastings (London Scottish); T Stanger (Hawick), S Hastings (Watsonians), S Lineen (Boroughmuir), L Renwick (London Scottish); C Chalmers (Melrose), G Armstrong (Jed-Forest); D Sole (Edinburgh Acads, captain), K Milne (Heriot's FP), P Burnell (London Scottish), C Gray (Nottingham), D Crosan (Bath), J Jeffrey (Kelso), D White (London Scottish), P Calder (Stewart's Melville FP). Replacements: P Dods (Gala), D Wyllie (Stewart's Melville FP), G Oliver (Hawick), G Marshall (Selkirk), A Brewster (Stewart's Melville), I Corcoran (Gala).

SCOTLAND B: D Barrett (West of Scotland), A Moore (Edinburgh Academicals), B Edwards (Boroughmuir), I Jardine (Stirling County), S Porter (Malone); C Glasgow (Heriot's FP), D Bryson (Gala); G Graham (Stirling County), K McKenzie (Stirling County), G Wilson (Boroughmuir), J Richardson (Edinburgh Academicals), A MacDonald (Cambridge University), J Macklin (London Scottish, captain), D Leckie (Edinburgh Academicals), K Rafferty (Heriot's FP). Replacements: C Redpath (Melrose), G Shiel (Jed-Forest), S Jardine (South Glamorgan Institute), S Reid (Boroughmuir), B Robertson (Stirling County), J Allan (Edinburgh Academicals).

MARC ASPLAND



Hands off: Redman for Steele-Bodgers about to take the ball as Cambridge forwards close in yesterday. Cambridge won easily despite their rivals' late rally

Davies's injury tempers the Cambridge delight

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Cambridge University . 22
Steele-Bodger's XV 14

The joy which Graham Davies brought to Cambridge University's supporters at Grange Road yesterday as he ran clear for his third try was instantly counter-balanced by the sight of the Welsh left wing limping off clutching his right thigh.

However, Cambridge, with no match this weekend, are free of commitments until the meeting with Oxford on December 12 which will leave Davies time for recovery from an injury which was not regarded as too serious.

It was as well that Cambridge, without Buzza, their captain, who felt that a groin strain should be rested, had the Davies brothers to sustain them at times of need. For much of a sunlit first-half this annual encounter was quiet.

It flickered into life after the floodlights were switched on at half-time, when the university led 12-0, and positively crackled by the end as Mickey Steele-Bodger's XV, somewhat belatedly, roused themselves to score three tries and earn respectability in defeat by three goals and a try to a goal and two tries.

Cambridge, with nine wins and five defeats this term, have a considerably better record than Oxford, whose captain, Smith, was in the Grange Road stand. They have impressive bulk in the pack, in O'Callaghan and MacDonald, and they will need it since the Oxford scrum is a point of strength.

They also have great industry in their back row, which is the main area of contention as far as the university selectors are concerned: yesterday's side, save for the absent Buzza, looked very close to the XV at Twickenham, except that Pool-Jones and Bryant are fighting for the same place at flanker.

The first half yesterday was strictly a case of fingers and thumbs, with Cambridge producing little of their accustomed artistry behind the scrum and the invitation XV performing, frankly, some unwise manoeuvres as they got to know each other. It was from one such frivolity by Wood and Wyles that Cambridge came away and Davies scored his first try, Adrian, his brother, kicking the first of three conversions.

Bryant added a try just before the interval and Cambridge turned in a decisive third quarter, aided by Tunningley coming profitably into the line. Graham Davies came off the blind side wing behind a scrum to score from Booth's pass and his third came from a delightful scissors with Adrian Davies. Graham putting in a balanced run.

At 22-0 the university had the game won, but the visitors could not leave so embarrassed: another Davies, Ian of Swansea, worked over from the front of a lineout and Wood, the New Zealander, displayed convincing pace as he switched with Wyles. Hackney rounded off the day by running 60 metres to score.

Scorers: Cambridge University: Tries: G Davies (3), Bryant. Conversions: A Davies. Steele-Bodger's XV: Tries: I Davies, Wood, Hackney. Conversion: Hastings.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: *A Tunningley (QEGS, Wakefield and Downing); S Bell (Edinburgh Academy and Clare), N Simms (West Park and Robinson), P Reed (Oundle and Magdalene), *G Davies (Pencoed CS and Magdalene; rep, D Shuttleboltam, Neath Tertiary and Magdalene); *A Davies (Pencoed CS and Robinson), A Booth (Bishop Gore CS and Hughes Hall); *J Foster (Magdalen College School and Robinson), *J Ashworth (George Fox, Lancaster and Homerton, captain), *S Wordley (Queen Mary GS, Walsall and Downing), S Bryant (Sherborne and Hughes Hall), J O'Callaghan (Gonzaga College, Dublin and Selwyn Sussex), A MacDonald (Gordonstoun and Hughes Hall), S Holmes (Cockermouth GS and St Edmund's), J Wilby (QEGS, Wakefield and St Edmund's).

M R STEELE-BODGER'S XV: *G Hastings (London Scottish and Scotland, captain); S Hackney (Nottingham), I Wood (Harlequins/North Harbour), T Michael (Swansea), *K Wyles (Rosslyn Park); R Cramb (London Scottish and Scotland), M Douglas (London Welsh and Wales); S Henderson (Harlequins), M Howe (Bedford), M Morgan (Swansea), I Davies (Swansea), N Redman (Bath and England), M Poole (Leicester), N Beck (Nottingham), O Williams (Bridgend). Referee: D Matthews (Liverpool).
*denotes a Blue

ATHLETICS

Pickering supports Johnson

Ron Pickering, the athletics coach, television analyst and campaigner against drug taking in sport, yesterday backed the call for Ben Johnson to be allowed to compete in the Barcelona Olympics.

"There are plenty of other people who have been forgiven for drug taking, so why should Johnson suffer?" Pickering said. He was supporting a statement at the weekend from Prince Alexandre de Merode, president of the IOC medical commission, that Johnson should be allowed to run in the 1992 games despite having been banned for using anabolic steroids before finishing first in the 100 metres in Seoul.

Athletes who fail dope tests are normally allowed back by the athletics authorities after two years, but Johnson was barred for life by the Canadian athletics federation.

Pickering said: "Why should Johnson be any different, just because he is more exciting, more high profile and a more traumatic figure?

"That is not fair. I would accept his return to major competition."

However, Pickering reiterated his belief that in future drugs offenders should face exclusion for life.

REAL TENNIS

King's coach produces upset of day

By Sally Jones

The American qualifier, Alice Bartlett, from Tuxedo Park, produced the upset of the day in the George Wimpey British Open championships when she defeated Magda Groszek in straight sets.

Bartlett has been playing for less than a year but, as a former tennis circuit player and coach to King Hussain of Jordan, she made up in natural flair what she lacked in experience, fighting back in the second set with a series of fine boasts and half-volleys from 5-1 down to record the best victory of her career.

In the men's singles, David Johnson, the Queen's Club professional, played well to take a set from the former world champion, Chris Ronaldson, in a match full of sparkling rallies. Ronaldson's hard competitive edge told in the end, giving him his accustomed place in the semi-finals, where he will meet the world amateur champion, Julian Snow.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: C Armstrong-Smith bt F Syson, 6-2, 6-0; A Bartlett (US) bt M Groszek (Fr), 6-5, 6-5; S Jones bt E David (US), 6-0, 6-0.

MEN'S SINGLES: Second round: C Bray bt M Devine, 6-3, 6-3, 6-0; J Howell bt M Gooding, 6-5, 6-3, 6-2; D Johnson bt J Ward, 6-1, 6-0, 6-0. Quarter-finals: L Deuchar bt G Bray, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1, 6-1; J Snow bt R Fahey, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4; C Ronaldson bt D Johnson, 6-0, 2-6, 6-0, 6-3.

Irish leave flair on bench

By George Ace

Paul Collins, the London Irish blind-side wing forward, will captain Ireland B at Murrayfield. The Irish selectors wanted their Scottish counterparts to waive the qualification for selection: no player to be considered who had taken part in an international against an International Board B country. The request was rightly rejected.

Again the Irish selectors have listed a side that lacks any great imagination and includes players who have been scrutinized throughout the inter-provincial season and against the All Blacks without revealing that they possess the natural attributes to reach full international status. And one or two have been around too long to merit serious consideration.

On the other hand, the substitutes' bench is loaded with real international potential, such as Halpin, the prop, Johns, a lock of immense promise, and O'Connell, from Munster, whom Philip Matthews rates a fine player.

A player who should have been in there somewhere is Wilkinson, the Malone full back. Wilkinson is a fine footballer with a good turn of pace and solid in defence. Though, I suppose, with two recognized full backs playing on the wings, it may have been difficult to include Wilkinson. Or it may have been too imaginative for the "Irish Five."

IRELAND B: K Murphy (Cork Constitution); J Staples (London Irish), J Hewitt (London Irish), P Clinch (Lansdowne), P Murray (Shannon); P Russell (Instonians), A Rolland (Blackrock College); S McKibbin (Instonians), J McDonald (Malone), P Clohessy (Young Munster), P Collins (London Irish, captain) B Rigney (Greystones), M Galwey (Shannon), P Kenny (Wanderers), B Robinson (Ballymena). Replacements: N Berry (Garryowen), S Kiely (Shannon), G Halpin (Wanderers), N Kearney (Old Wesley), P Johns (Dublin University), K O'Connell (Sunday's Well).

Players told to create their own companies

By David Hands

The International Rugby Football Board, which ended its interim meeting yesterday, may today give some indication as to whether any relaxations of the amateur regulations are likely. Any such move will be of considerable interest to two meetings arranged for the next six days at which Prisma, the London-based marketing company, will make presentations to leading players from England and Wales.

Tony Carter, managing director of Prisma, has been upset by suggestions that his company is rushing in to act as agents for players greedy to cash in on their fame. "We were approached by two senior members of the Welsh Rugby Union to see if we could do anything for the players, specifically to see if we could employ them," he said.

He said there was a limit to the number of philanthropic employers, such as Exell, which employs Mark Jones, of Neath, prepared to take on rugby players on a long-term basis. "What I am recommending is that the players should form a company," he said.

The companies would offer shares with the players, or their nominees, holding the majority of them. He added: "Under this scheme the players would be paid dividends by the company; they would not be paid for working for it.

"They would be asked to carry out services such as speaking at lunches, giving interviews or other public engagements. Money earned would go into the company and the return on our investment would come back in the form of dividends from our initial share subscription.

"I would dearly love to see someone like Mike Coley [the Rugby Football Union's sponsorship and marketing director] sitting on the board of such a company because that way it could be managed better."

Details of such a scheme will be given to players in London this weekend and in Cardiff on Tuesday. If there is any indication today of a relaxation of the amateur regulations, a company could be in place before the 1991 World Cup when there will an upsurge of interest in rugby union in Britain and France.

"I think a scheme such as this would put off the inevitable and fateful day when players get paid," Carter said.

● Ireland are reported to be considering backing attempts by France and Australia to relax the amateur laws so that players can profit financially from the sport. A change of policy by the Irish would leave England and Scotland isolated.

● South African delegates to the International Rugby Football Board meeting in London are confident that South Africa will host a big tour next year with board support after Professor Fritz Eloff, president of the board, gave assurances that no rugby player was paid to join the World XV tour earlier this year.

Defections from North give Childs a chance

By David Hands

The North's selectors must have looked enviously at London on Tuesday night before deciding on their XV to play the South and South West in the first round of the Toshiba divisional championship at Bristol on Saturday.

The notable centres, Carling, Clough and John Buckton, who have previously played for the North, have elected for London, which has helped Graham Childs to his first divisional appearance.

Childs, from Northern in the Area League North, played in the experimental team which beat Durham 15-12 at West Hartlepool on Tuesday, from which Irving, the Headingley and England B centre, was forced to withdraw because of injury. Childs, a former student at Newcastle Polytechnic, will partner Barley at centre with Pears, a northerner working in the capital, who has not turned his back on his divisional home at stand-off half.

Manley, the Orrell flanker, is offered an opportunity, and deservedly so after a season which has seen his club recover from a ragged start. But again, the way has been cleared by the unavailability of Winterbottom, who is suffering from a rib injury, and Holmes, the Cumbrian, who has told the selectors that he is committed to Cambridge University this term.

However, Manley, who scored the North's first try against Durham, has conceded the flanker, Peter Buckton, and he will have Charles Cusani, his club colleague, alongside him at No. 8. Another Orrell player, Langford, is chosen at full back although he is playing centre for the club.

The pack, which includes five Orrell forwards, looks solid and the quiet advance of Summers, the Headingly scrum half, to the replacements bench is worthy of note. Summer, who took over from Morris in the final quarter of the match at West Hartlepool on Tuesday, has attracted some good reviews this season.

● Alan Sharp, the Bristol forward, who was yesterday given a suspended sentence for assault, is one of six championship newcomers in the South West's divisional championship side.

NORTHERN DIVISION: S Langford (Orrell); T Underwood (Leicester), B Barley (Wakefield), G Childs (Northern), R Underwood (Leicester); D Pears (Harlequins), D Morris (Liverpool St Helens); M Whitcombe (Sale) N Hitchen, D Southern (Orrell, capt), S Hodgson (Sale), R Simms (Orrell), W Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), P Manley, C Cusani (Orrell). Replacements: J Stabler (West Hartlepool), N Summers (Headingley), M Fenwick (Durham City), M White (Liverpool St Helens), D Baldwin (Sale), P Buckton (Tynedale).

SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST DIVISION: J Webb (Bristol); J Fallon (Richmond), S Halliday (capt), A Adebayo, P Blackett (Bath); N Hamlin (Gloucester), R Hill (Bath); A Sharp (Bristol), K Dunn, R Pascall (Gloucester), J Morrison (Bath), J Etheridge, M Teague (Gloucester), A Robinson (Bath), D Sims (Gloucester). Replacements: J Callard (Bath), M Hensford (Gloucester), G Mann (Bristol), M Livesey (Richmond), R Phillips (Gloucester), S Newman (Harlequins-Newbury)

Ward's escape act the final curtain

By Michael Stevenson

Stonyhurst 20
Austin Friars 20

Deep in injury time, following a marvellously entertaining schools match, Stonyhurst offended at a ruck and Ward's penalty, struck sweetly from 45 metres, earned Austin Friars a creditable draw, both sides scoring a goal, two tries and two penalties.

The match, which was a splendid advertisement for schools rugby, hard, fast and clean became more enthralling as it progressed. The forceful talent of Bracken, last year's England 18 group scrum-half was always prominent, although he is at present playing out of position at stand-off half.

Irving's early penalty for the visitors was followed by a good try for Stonyhurst by Falzon after a searing break by Bracken but soon after Wilson's powerful burst set up a tap penalty from which the solid Ebongalame scored.

Bracken fashioned Stonyhurst's next try, which regained the lead, creating an overlap from which Ko scored to make it 10-7 at half-time, shortly before which Stonyhurst's McDowell had come on as replacement scrum-half for the injured Williams.

On the resumption Austin Friars snatched back the lead with a try by Walsh after incisive running and slick handling. Ward converted.

Bracken's first penalty levelled and a dazzling dummy and spectacular acceleration made a try for the quixotic O'Doherty. Back came Austin Friars. Austin broke in the centre, exploiting some weak tackling and his pass allowed McGinn to level the score again.

Still the drama had not finished. Bracken hoisted. Alliston tried to run from his own line when he had plenty of time to kick and conceded a penalty which Bracken popped over before Ward's escape act.

Scorers: Stonyhurst: Tries: Falzon, Ko. O'Doherty. Conversions: Bracken. Penalties: Bracken (2). Austin Friars: Tries: Ebongalame, Walsh, McGinn. Conversion: Ward. Penalties: Irving, Ward.

STONYHURST COLLEGE: I. O'Doherty; P Ko, A Falzon, P Crean, T Banks; K Bracken (capt), C Williams (rep: J McDowell); P Balodi, C Somers, J Warneken, E Whitfield, L Hollis, I Anderson, P Whitehead, E Bell (rep: P Hayhurst).

AUSTIN FRIARS: E Alliston; S McGinn, G Austin, N Ebongalame, M Davidson; D Fitzgerald, D Ward; A Crowther, S Adkins, J Keen, A Irving, P Carr, M Wilson, D Walsh (capt), J O'Neill.

Referee: G Gregson (Manchester and District Society).

RACKETS

Hughes's more forceful hand

Jerry Hughes won an entertaining match against his Old Malvernian compatriot, Robert Mason, in straight games in the first round of the Lacoste British Amateur Rackets championships (Sally Jones writes).

Hughes, orthodox but forceful, always looked in command and his varied game, with its boasts and drop-shots, which owe much to his prowess at squash, kept the more stylish Mason under constant pressure while his gritty competitiveness and powerful serving gave him an easier passage in the third game.

FIRST ROUND: J Hughes bt R Mason, 15-5, 15-8, 15-2.

CRICKET

Gatting offers dead bat to Wheatley's captaincy blackball

By Richard Streeton

Mike Gatting has decided against making any public comment on the disclosure this week that he, rather than David Gower, was the first choice to captain England against Australia last summer, until his appointment was vetoed by Ossie Wheatley, the Test and County Cricket Board's cricket committee chairman.

Gatting's clash with the Pakistan umpire, Shakoor Rana, in December, 1987, at Faisalabad was the reason Wheatley gave when he confirmed that he had invoked the power of veto given him by the TCCB only last winter.

Gatting, who in mid-summer decided to lead the unauthorized England team to South Africa, thereby incurring a five-year ban from Test matches, said yesterday: "As far as I am concerned I have nothing to say about this. It all lies in the past."

Wheatley's action meant that no sooner had Ted Dexter, the England committee chairman, and Micky Stewart, the England team manager, launched their new selectorial regime, than their first big decision was being overruled. Both men had wanted Gatting for the job.

Wheatley emphasised that he never expected to have to use his veto so soon and added: "It was accepted without question." He told *The Times* yesterday that he did not expect to meet any criticism for what he had done at next week's full TCCB meeting.

The last time anything like this happened in English cricket was before its administrative restructuring, when MCC barred Brian Close from leading the 1967-68 tour to West Indies after a time-wasting offence in a county match. Colin Cowdrey was made captain instead.

The Cricketers' Association, popularly known as the players' trade union, is aware of the board's powers of veto and appreciate that it has no power to intervene with the way the board administers the game.

An association spokesman confirmed, however, that occasions when the veto was used would always be followed closely to guard against any individual being unjustly treated. "If it was felt that was the case, I suppose we could intervene and make our view known," he said.

Mr Wheatley said that Gatting's ban would not have been permanent. Had he been recommended to lead England in the Caribbean later this winter the veto would probably have been lifted.

Referring to the Shakoor Rana incident, Wheatley said that cricket could not condone nor allow a captain to be in public dispute with an umpire, least of all the captain of England. "Once you lose control on the field you are on the slippery slope to ruin. Look at what's happening in football."

Patience and dedication earn leading coaches United Kingdom's top award

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Magnificent seven: Coach of the Year award winners yesterday: left to right, Dennis Edwards (skiing), Glenys Derry (gymnastics), Ian Gordon (basketball), Anne Ellis (hockey), Terry Dennison (swimming), Maureen Blackmore (riding for the disabled) and Kevin Hickey (boxing)

Seven Svengalis who have the ethics of a saint

By John Goodbody

Seven leading coaches were yesterday given awards in the annual United Kingdom Coach of the Year presentations sponsored by Dextro Energy. The winners all received a bronze trophy and a study award worth £1,000.

Ron Pickering, the BBC television commentator and former national athletics coach, said in introducing the winners: "The coach in this country has to have the true vocation of a nurse, the motivation of Svengali, the technical knowledge of an engineer and the ethics of a saint."

Pickering spoke of the neglect of coaching in Britain but praised the winners for reaching the "highest possible standards within their reach and within their sport".

The awards, supported by the British Institute of Sports Coaches, were in seven categories. Glenys Derry (gymnastics) received the award for the female coach for developing individual performance. She coaches Joanna Prescott who went to the world championships in Stuttgart earlier this year and has inspired Trent to be the No. 2 club in Britain in 1987 and 1988.

Terry Denison (swimming) finished first in the category for the male coach for developing an individual performance. Denison, the chief coach at City of Leeds, has produced 53 swimmers who have represented Britain in world, Commonwealth and European championships.

Five of them went to the Olympics in Seoul last year including Adrian Moorhouse who won the gold medal in the 100 metres breaststroke.

Anne Ellis (women's hockey) won the award for the female coach in a team sport. She has trained the Swansea women's club since 1974 and helped make it one of the foremost clubs in Wales. She has also prepared the Great Britain women's hockey team.

Ian Gordon (basketball) received the award for the male coach in the team category. He is the head coach for the Murray International Livingston basketball team.

Maureen Blackmore (riding) received an award for making a vital contribution to coaching of sports for the disabled and Dennis Edwards, skiing, finished top in the class for leading junior performances either team or individual.

Kevin Hickey, now the technical advisory officer for the British Olympic Association and former ABA national coach, received the prize for the coach who over several years has made a significant contribution to developments in sport.

BOXING

Sweet is likely to meet his deserts

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Derek Angol, the Camberwell cruiserweight, makes his moves for recognition when he challenges Apollo Sweet, of Australia, for the Commonwealth title at the Elephant and Castle Leisure Centre tonight.

If Angol beats Sweet, he could be given a place in the rankings of the International Boxing Federation, which Angol's manager, Terry Lawless, hopes will lead to a title bout with Glenn McCrory, of Annfield Plain.

Since the move is being made by the most cautious of managers for a boxer who has had only 16 contests and appears to be in no particular hurry to make his name, one can presume that Sweet is not the most difficult of opponents.

Though an Australian, Sweet does not come from the hard school of Fenech and Harding and does not carry too heavy a punch. The champion is really a Samoan. He is 32 and turned professional at the age of 30. He has had 15 contests, of which he has won 11, lost two and drawn two.

He won the Commonwealth title on a split decision against Lance Revill, of New Zealand. Sweet also holds the Orient and Pacific title, a championship which Iran Barkley once called the Sardine Belt. In 1988 Sweet went the distance with Harding, the present World Boxing Council light-heavyweight champion, but Harding does not have a knockout punch either.

Angol, too, has had his fair share of soft touches. He is one of those boxers who always seem to be on the undercard but quickly departs after bowling over his opponent and so is soon forgotten.

It is difficult to say how well he will stand up to Sweet's punches. Lawless says that he spars with Bruno and Mason. That should equip him for his task. Though as a professional he has never been on the floor, he has had to cope with some awkward moments in one or two contests; as an amateur he was knocked out by John Beckles.

Angol is a tall, rangy, competent boxer with a good jab and a right over the top, nothing too fancy, but strong enough to keep a steady pressure on the champion. If he is not caught by a lucky blow he should have too many punches for Sweet, who could be stopped in the middle rounds.

Barrett on to a winner with his heavyweights

By Srikumar Sen

After his setback with the defeat of Gary Jacobs last week, Mike Barrett, the promoter and manager, is on to a sure thing next week: he cannot lose.

On Monday night he will be the manager of the man who will be the heavyweight champion of Europe, the Commonwealth and south London and, most important of all, ranked in the top 10 in the world: either Trevor Hughroy Currie, of Catford, or Derek 'Sweet D' Williams, of Battersea. Barrett manages both boxers.

Barrett, however, promised yesterday that there would be enough "needle" betwen the two friends to entertain a full house at the Catford Leisure Centre. The two men have sparred over 500 rounds with each other in the past five years but for this bout they were sent abroad for their final preparations.

Currie went to Italy to train with Francesco Damiani, the former European champion who is now the World Boxing Organization title holder, while Williams joined Gil Clancy's camp in New York to help Gerry Cooney prepare for his bout with George Foreman on January 15.

Both suffered defeats in their last outings. Currie (28 contests and 10 defeats), was beaten by Gary Mason, the British champion, in London last January, and Williams (17 and 2) was controversially outpointed by Mark Wills, of California, in New York four months ago.

"I see this as my last chance and I am lucky to get it," Currie said. "There is no way I am going to blow this one because European titles don't come about every day.

"Guys used to be able to lose and come back. I want to prove that when you have had a few setbacks it doesn't mean you are finished. I am going to win this title because I am not finished."

Williams was equally certain he would win. "I don't regard that [the loss to Wills] as a defeat. It was a bad decision. At the end of the night I will be European champion," he said. So impressed was Clancy with Williams and so convinced was he that the Englishman had won that he immediately invited the Commonwealth champion to work for him in Cooney's camp.

HOCKEY

Hawks so sharp in halting run

By Sydney Friskin

Cambridge University ... 1
Weybridge Hawks 3

Cambridge University's five-match unbeaten run was brought to a halt yesterday at Fenner's by Weybridge Hawks who deservedly achieved their first victory in the Pizza Express London League.

Hawks, a young and improving side which had been hit by injuries earlier in the season, settled down splendidly and their stronger running, particularly by O'Gorman and Hamilton, enabled them to create more opportunities.

Cambridge did not play badly but made less use of the open spaces than the opposition, who recovered from an early setback to lead 2-1 at the interval.

Cambridge, however, were faced with a mountain to climb after falling further in arrears within a minute of the resumption. Although they held the Hawks' defence under increasing pressure they found McKenzie in goal as vigilant and protective as their own goalkeeper, Castledine, who this week was invited to join the England indoor squad for training.

The forthright manner in which Cambridge began gave no hint of impending defeat and their spirits were high when Atherton put them ahead from their second short corner with a strong drive along the ground. The hit from the line was well stopped by Hooper who was seldom able to gather the ball as cleanly after that.

Hawks drew level within two minutes with Mallinson chasing after Tony Beckett and scoring off his reverse pass. Five minutes before half time O'Gorman ran hard down the right and Read scored off the rebound.

Read scored again in the first minute of the second half after Hamilton had made the running and if Castledine had not come out five minutes later to smother O'Gorman shot, Cambridge might have run into further trouble.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: *T Castledine (King Henry VII Coventry and Queens'); *P Nielsow (King Edward VI Birmingham and St John's), *N Hooper (Pangbourne College and Emmanuel), P Deal (Perse School and Trinity Hall, sub M Barber, Framlingham Manor and Pembroke), *R Atherton (Merchant Taylor's Crosby and Downing), *J Jones (Dulwich College and St John's), *D Grady (King Edward's Five Ways and Fitzwilliam), P Vernish (Coventry School and Churchill), *W Priestly (Tonbridge and Trinity Hall), R Lloyd (Hitchin and St John's), *S Ogle (Manchester GS and Clare).
WEYBRIDGE HAWKS: J McKenzie; D Mallinson, A Beckett, I Martin, I Turner, A Jansen, G Beckett, I Hamilton, T O'Gorman, R Read, G Clark (sub: C Benfors)
Umpires: R Munns (Eastern Counties) and P Everett (Southern Counties)
*Denotes a Blue.

FOOTBALL

Bird banned from dug out by club

The York City manager, John Bird, has been fined by the club and banned from the touchline dug out following an incident during last Friday's game at Scarborough which led to his arrest.

A statement issued by the club said yesterday the ban would continue until after an FA inquiry into the incident.

Bird and the Scarborough manager, Ray McHale, have been charged by the FA with bringing the game into disrepute following a fracas on the touchline. After questioning by Scarborough police, Bird was released and a report on the incident was sent to the Crown Prosecution Service.

The statement said: "Mr Bird has been fined under the club's disciplinary code of conduct, and in addition he has been required not to sit in the dug out until such time as the result of the FA inquiry is known."

● Frank McAvennie, the £1.25 million Scottish international forward, has dropped his proposed civil action against the Stoke midfield player, Chris Kamara, whose tackle at the Victoria Ground on the opening day of the season left McAvennie with a broken leg and ankle.

● The Norwich City goalkeeper, Bryan Gunn, who was charged by the Football Association with bringing the game into disrepute for reportedly blaming Arsenal players for the flare-up at Highbury on November 4 has decided not to ask for a personal hearing.

● Billy McNeill, the Celtic manager, has been ordered to appear before the Scottish FA tomorrow to explain comments he made after the Skol Cup semi-final defeat by Aberdeen in September. McNeill was highly critical of Jim Bett, accusing the Aberdeen player of deliberately taking a dive in the incident which led to the Celtic captain, Roy Aitken, being ordered off late in the game.

● Ruud Gullit, who played a significant role in the Netherlands' successful World Cup qualifying campaign and AC Milan's 1989 European Cup triumph, has been voted the World Footballer of the Year by the monthly magazine, World Soccer.

WORLD PLAYER OF THE YEAR: 1, R Gullit (Milan and Neth); 2, M Van Basten (Milan and Neth); 3, B (Flamengo-Vasco and Bra); 4, D Maradona (Napoli and Arg); 5, F Baresi (Milan and It); 6, P Shilton (Derby and Eng); 7, R (PSV Eindhoven and Bra); 8, M Laudrup (Inter Milan and WG); 9, L Matthaus (Inter Milan and WG); 10, R Sosa (Lazio and Uru).
WORLD MANAGER OF THE YEAR: 1, A Sacchi (Milan); 2, S Lazaroni (Bra); 3, G Graham (Arsenal); 4, K Dalglish (Liverpool); 5, J Charlton (Rep of Ire); 6, G Trapattoni (Inter Milan); 7, R Robson (England); 8, S Piontek (Den); 9, E Happel (FC Tirol); 10, J Cruyff (Barcelona).
WORLD TEAM OF THE YEAR: 1, Milan; 2, Brazil; 3, Arsenal; 4, Napoli; 5, Liverpool; 6, Denmark; 7, Inter Milan; 8, Republic of Ireland; 9, Nacional Medellin (Col); 10, Trinidad and Tobago.

TV director

In our report last Friday that John Watts was joining GrandSlam Sports from Thames TV, we said that he had been hastily replaced as director of *The Match* on November 19 by Ted Ayling. In fact Ayling, the programme's most experienced director, had always been scheduled to direct that afternoon's programme and we apologize to him and Watts for any embarrassment caused by the error.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

ZENITH DATA SYSTEMS CUP: Second round: Barnsley 1, Leeds 2; Bournemouth 2, Chelsea 3 (aet); Hull 1, Aston Villa 2; Newcastle 2, Oldham 0; Stoke City 2, Bradford 1.
LEYLAND DAF CUP: Preliminary round: Aldershot 3, Birmingham 0; Blackpool 4, Bury 0; Bolton 2, Crewe 0; Burnley 0, Stockport 2; Chester 0, Rochdale 0; Doncaster 1, Grimsby 0; Fulham 0, Notts County 1; Gillingham 2, Cambridge 0; Hartlepool 1, Rotherham 4; Leyton Orient 2, Mansfield 0; Northampton 2, Maidstone 4; Walsall 0 Shrewsbury 1.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Stafford 0, Cheltenham 1; Wycombe 1, Merthyr 2.
OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Charlton 2, Swindon 1; Chelsea 2, QPR 0; Millwall 2, Watford 2.
VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Hendon 1, St Albans 0. First division: Boreham Wood 0, Southwick 0; Met Police 1, Leatherhead 1; Uxbridge 0, Dorking 3; Wembley 0, Whyteleafe 0; Worthing 2, Wolding 1. Second division north: Barton Rovers 1, Hertford T 2; Berkhamsted Town 0, Basildon Utd 2; Rainham Town 1, Stevenage Borough 1. Second division south: Egham Town 1 Newbury Town 0.
CLUBCALL CUP: Third round: Bromsgrove 0, Colne Dynamoos 3; Crawley 1, Harrow 2; Marlow 1, Leyton-Wingate 0; Mossley 1, Bangor 2; Wokingham 0, Bishop's Stortford 3.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: President's Cup: First round, second leg: Marine 1, Rhyl 1 (2-1 on agg). Premier division: Goole 0, Frickley 2; Witton 4, Stalybridge 0.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: Second round, first leg: Dover 1, Margate 2. Second round, second leg: Bridgnorth 2, Halesowen 2 (3-5 on agg); Gloucester 3, Dorchestar 0 (4-0 on agg); Moor Green 2, Bedworth 0 (5-0 on agg).
CAPITAL FINANCE AND LEASING SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Plymouth Argyle 0, Exeter City 1; Swansea City 5, Bristol Rovers 4; Torquay United 2, Cardiff City 1.
FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Leeds 4, Carlisle 1. Brentford, Leyton Orient.
ARAB CHAMPIONS' CUP: Group A: Jeunesse Tizi Ouzou (Algeria) 2, Hilal (Saudi Arabia) 1; Attayarane (Iraq) 3, Al-Maharaq (Bahrain) 0. Tizi Ouzou and Attayarane qualify for semi-finals.

YACHTING

Harmony returns to the cup

From Keith Wheatley
Perth

Some semblance of unity returned to the America's Cup at a challengers' meeting here in Western Australia. Thirty-five delegates from 12 countries heard that a 1992 contest in either Auckland or Santiago is a near certainty.

Last month, Il Moro de Benezia, the Italian syndicate headed by Raul Gardini, attempted a coup against the Royal Perth Yacht Club's status as Challenger of Record. Here, however, harmony reigned. "There was no aggression from the Europeans," Stan Reid, of RTYC, said. "What we saw earlier was an expression of frustration."

Andrew Johns, counsel to the Mercury Bay Boating Club, gave a timetable for the final appeal in the fight with Santiago over the cup. Final submissions begin on December 14 and end by January 22.

A decision is expected by late March, under the protocol agreed by all parties that would permit a regatta 24 months later. Even the 24 months' stipulation is regarded as adjustable by every participant except Santiago.

"If we are talking about the decision being a week or two late, the court, please God, will be able to be flexible," Reid said. A repeated theme at the meeting was the immeasurable damage done to the status of yachting's premier trophy by the court battle.

Skippers begin to plan for the future

From Barry Pickthall, Fremantle

As the sole division 2 competitor, Dirk Nauta's Dutch yacht Equity & Law, neared Fremantle and the end of the second stage of the Whitbread Round the World race, the skippers of the maxi craft were meeting to form a new organization and race circuit for European waters.

With Pierre Fehlmann at their head, the group aim to provide representation for members competing in sponsored races and organize a programme of events during the three-year cycle between Round the World events.

"A report that we are working to undermine the Royal Naval Sailing Association (organizers of the Whitbread race) is totally untrue," Fehlmann protested yesterday. "We support the RNSA and the Whitbread sponsors and we are happy with the way that the race is organized. There is no question of our group wanting to take over the event."

Fehlmann confirmed that seven owners have agreed in principle for their yachts to compete in a programme of races beginning with the Brent Walker Brighton to Porto Sherry race, followed by passage races to Palma, Portò Cervo, St Tropez and Genoa, with further day races at each port.

The yachts will have their sail areas or ballast ratios adjusted in an effort to make them equal in speed.

Rafael Tibua, the member of the Fortuna's crew who broke a leg two weeks ago, was flown back to Barcelona yesterday to undergo complex surgery. His colleague, Jordi Domenech, who fell overboard and was rescued, is also returning home, having decided that he must have used up his quota of luck.

However, Etienne Giroire, the French crew member from The Card who broke an arm, is reported to be recovering well without the need for further surgery. Liverpool Enterprise, the last of the maxi yachts, is expected to arrive in Fremantle today, followed by Maiden, the first of the division 3 yachts, on Sunday.

LEADING POSITIONS OF YACHTS STILL AT SEA (compiled at 13.40GMT yesterday, with nautical miles to Fremantle): Maxi Division: 15, Liverpool Enterprise, B Salmon, GB, 311. Division 3: 1, Maiden, T Edwards (GB), 712; 2, L'Esprit de Liberte, P Tabarly, (Fr), 836; 3, Rucanor Sport, B Dubois (Bel), 915; 4, Schlussel von Bremen, H Muller-Rohlke, (WG), 949; 5, La Poste, D Malle, (Fr), 1,825. Cruiser Class: 1, With Integrity, A Cogna, (GB), 1,369; 2, Creighton's Naturally, J Chittenden, (GB), 2,116.

● *Compiled from British Telecom data*

● The single-handed, non-stop Globe Challenge, which started from France on Sunday, is already giving racing as close as that in the Whitbread (Malcolm McKeag writes). Off Cape St Vincent, Spain, three yachts dispute the lead, with three miles between them and 26,347 miles still to go. Jean-François Coste in Eric Tabarly's old schooner, Pen Duick II, now called Cacharel, put back to Les Sables d'Olonne with a faulty autopilot and leaking fuel tanks and was due to restart last night.

Code unacceptable to RYA

By Malcolm McKeag

The Royal Yachting Association (RYA), the national authority for yacht racing in Great Britain, is likely to reject as unworkable the controversial eligibility code introduced earlier this month by the International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU), the world governing body.

The association's yacht racing committee has decided unanimously to recommend to the RYA Council that Britain does not adopt the code, offered by the IYRU to national authorities with a request that they try it for one year, because in its present form it simply cannot be complied with.

"Riddled with anomalies" ... "cobbled together" ... "confirms our worst fears" were some of the sentiments expressed at the meeting of the comittee.

One member pointed out that even the opening sentence of the code, "competitors shall be classified," was impossible to comply with by January 1, the suggested date for implementation. To accept the code would require the RYA to classify every racing sailor in Britain by the end of this year.

However, with unconcealed reluctance, the committee will recommend a change from the policy of categorizing only events and not competitors, principally to protect the interests of Britons competing in restricted events abroad, who might run foul of eligibility codes operated by other countries.

A working party of three has been appointed to "establish whether a workable eligibility code can be devised" in time for next year's IYRU conference.

Before this year's gathering, Mike Evans, the IYRU's paid executive director, told a meeting of British yachting journalists that the RYA "stood alone" in opposing the introduction of the code and "would be completely isolated."

In the event, his assertions have proved inaccurate. The majority of European countries and Australasia are firmly opposed to the code while the United States and other American nations are enthusiastic.

The RYA is to cooperate with other European yachting federations in establishing a code which can satisfy those nations which want some form of classification while causing least offence to those which do not.

The Association of British Sailmakers, which in consort with professsional bodies in the United States and Australia sought to restrain the IYRU through the courts, has not dropped its plan to serve an injunction on any club which might impose eligibility restrictions.

Ironically, such a move is eagerly awaited by the code's most enthusiastic supporters.

They believe that any attempt by a commercial group to coerce an amateur club or race organizer through court action would be just the ammunition they need to persuade those who currently oppose a code that amateur yacht racing desperately needs protection from the sport's professionals.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Amateur Springboks

Johannesburg (Reuter) — Rugby league has been informally launched in South Africa but its organizers say it will be played only at amateur level and will not try to rival the country's mighty rugby union organization.

"We have no intention of challenging the rugby union hierarchy. All we want to do is introduce the sport to South Africans at an amateur level," Dave Southern, a businessman and one of the organizers of the new venture, said.

At a launching dinner on Tuesday night, he said that top players had been approached and expressed the hope that foreign tours could eventually be organized if the international sports boycott of South Africa were eased.

"Once we have a nucleus of players and officials we will officially launch rugby league" Southern said.

The ultimate fishing trip

Lake Vyrnwy on the edge of Snowdonia has for a century been a renowned fly-fishing resort. It also has four golf courses near by and there are spectacular walks in the Aran and Berwyn mountains. This combination of attractions make it almost irresistible to country sports lovers. Rex Bellamy decided to sample Lake Vyrnwy's delights and in *The Times* on Saturday he reports on his experiences

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FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

RICHMOND PARK: Inter-Ranks cross-country championships: Men (5.75 miles): 1, M Culen (NatWest), 28min 55sec; 2, A Mason (NatWest), 29:00; 3, A Buckley (Barclays), 29:03. Teams: 1, Barclays, 44pts; 2, Lloyds, 67; 3, NatWest, 131. Women (3.75 miles): 1, G Dainty (NatWest), 19:31; 2, N Mourey (NatWest), 19:35; 3, J Skinner (Barclays), 19:46. Teams: 1, NatWest, 9; 2, Barclays, 15; 3, Lloyds, 29.

BADMINTON

INTERNATIONAL: Wales v Scotland v Soviet Union: At Port Talbot: N Kalinsky and D Kovelsidze (USSR) bt A Carlotti and L Williams (Wales), 18-14, 17-18; V Chernyavskaya (USSR) bt A Gibson (Scot), 11-7, 11-4; D Travers and A Gibson (Scot) bt V Tikhomirov and O Okunev (USSR), 15-4, 18-13. Womens doubles: V Chernisevskaya and E Rybkina (USSR) bt F Stark and A Gordon, 18-14, 15-10. Mixed doubles: C Rees and S Williams (Wales) bt D Travers and A Gibson (Scot) 15-8 15-4. At Bala Lake, Aberamoor: Men's singles: J Maller (Scot) bt C Rees (Wales), 15-2, 15-2; O Okunev (USSR) bt K Scott (Scot), 18-13, 9-15, 15-10. Women's singles: A Gibson (Scot) bt G Davies (Wales), 11-7, 11-3. Men's doubles: C Rees and A Spencer (Wal) bt V Tikhomirov and O Okunev (USSR), 15-7, 15-8; A McMullan and K Scott (Scot) bt I Williams and A Burley (Wal), 9-15, 15-4, 15-12. Women's doubles: V Chernyavskaya and E Rybkina (USSR) bt S Williams and H Tarleta (Wal), 15-13, 15-7. Mixed doubles: D Travers and A Gibson (Sco) bt N Kalinsky and E Rybkina (USSR), 18-18, 15-3.
BATH: Canberra Cosacqueswith Cup: Men's singles: Group A: A Nielsen (Surrey) bt A Goode (Herts), 15-6, 15-4; S Butler (Warwicks) bt Goode 15-8, 15-2. Group B: M Johnson (Devon) bt S Pandya (Staffs), 12-15, 15-11, 15-8; D Hall (Essex) bt Pandya 15-3, 18-3. Women's singles: Group A: S Sarray (Sussex) bt T Groves (Sussex), 11-7, 9-11, 11-3; N Troke (Herts) bt Groves 6-11, 11-3, 11-1. Group B: G Gower (Herts) bt G Clark (Surrey), 11-3, 11-4; F Smith (Surrey) bt Clark 11-7, 11-8. Mixed doubles: Group A: Goode and Clark bt Butler and Troke, 15-2, 15-7; Hall and Stanley bt Butler and Troke, 15-8, 15-10. Group B: Nielsen and Gowers bt Johnson and Smith, 15-11, 15-5; Nielsen and Gowers bt A Bush (Wilts) and Groves, 15-3, 15-3.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCH: Berkshire 154, Somerset 131.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG PREMIER LEAGUE: Derby Rams 87 (Whitnall 23, Lee 21, Lascelles 15), Solent Stars 73 (Sewell 39, Lewis 14).
MEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals Group A: In Bazaljic Bulgaria 84, Greece 78.
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cleveland Cavaliers 92, Washington Bullets 91; Orlando Magic 104, Miami Heat 99; Chicago Bulls 113, Atlanta Hawks 98; Houston Rockets 110, Los Angeles Lakers 104; San Antonio Spurs 117, Seattle SuperSonics 104; Denver Nuggets 141, Golden State Warriors 120; Portland Trail Blazers 116, Los Angeles Clippers 94; Detroit Pistons 93, Sacramento Kings 81.

BOXING

MANILA: Mayor's Cup amateur tournament: Finals: Flyweight: E Recaido (Phil) bt R Velasco (Phil), pts. Light-fly: R Gestopa (Phil) bt J Hoh-Yung (Taiwan), pts. Fly: N Munchlan (USSR) bt I Vicang (Phil), pts. Bantam: R Jahaz (Phil) bt T Skryabin (USSR), pts. Feather: R Chavez (Phil) bt S Chang (S Korea), pts. Light: L Cantancio (Phil) bt A Khasnaviev (USSR), pts. Light-welter: C Tsiou (USSR) bt S Taylor (Aust), pts. Welter: J Coward (US) bt C Ji Soo (S Korea), rsc 1st. Light-middle: A Pettaya (Indo) bt D Connoly (US), pts. Middle: D Vyborinov (USSR) bt E Coronel (Phil), rsc 1st. Light-heavy: H Masika (EG) bt N Shaneyazov (USSR), pts. Heavy: V Akshonov (USSR) bt S Zan-gin (China), rsc 1st. Super-heavy: S Stoinov (Bul) bt A Leopoldo (Phil), rsc 1st.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Buffalo Sabres 4, Hartford Whalers 2; Philadelphia Flyers 5, Pittsburgh Penguins 3; New Jersey Devils 3, New York Islanders 2; Boston Bruins 5, St Louis Blues 1.

ICE SKATING

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado: World Junior Figure Skating Championships: Men: Championships: 1, J Bobbio Jr (US), 4 factored placements; 2, S Davis (US), 8; 3, P-R Reinhardt (WG), 1.2; 4, I Pashkevich (USSR), 1.8; 5, M Eichhorn (Eti), 2.0; 6, G Vladara (It), 2.4; 7, A Umanov (USSR), 2.9; 8, T Koyama (Japan), 3.2; 9, S P Healy (Can), 3.6; 10, N Pelozin (Fr), 4.0.

FOOTBALL

SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bristol City 2, Bournemouth 0.
OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Ipswich 1, Wimbledon 4.
SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Strathclyde 0, Glasgow 5; Heriot Watt 0, Edinburgh 1; Stirling 7, Aberdeen 2.
ENGLISH SCHOOLS: Mitre under-19 trophy: Cheshire 0, Merseyside 1; Derbyshire 1, Lincolnshire 1.
ARAB CHAMPIONS' CUP: Group B: Etoile Sahel (Tunisia) 3, Widad Casablanca (Morocco) 1. Sahel qualify for semi-finals.
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group 8: Italy 2, San Marino 0. Final Standings: 1, Italy, played 4, 7pts; 2, Switzerland, 4, 5; 3, San Marino, 4, 0.
ROMANIAN LEAGUE: Jiul Petrosani 1, Constentza 1; Arges 2, Sinor 1; Steaua 1, Universitatea Craiova 2; Sibiu 3, Sportul 0; Petrolul 0, FCM Brasov 0; Politehnica Timisoara 0, Victoria 0; Corvinul 1, Bacau 0; Dinamo 4, Oti 0; Universitatea Cluj 2, Flacara 2. Leading standings: 1, Dinamo, 29pts; 2, Steaua, 22; 3, Universitatea Craiova, 20.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: Castleford 58, Widnes 4.
STUDENT MATCHES: Coventry Poly 38, Trent Poly 10; Lancaster Univ 7, Loughborough Univ 10; Leicester Poly 28, Leicester Univ 14; Hull Univ 24, Sheffield Poly 14; Airedale 14, Newcastle Poly 38; Oxford Univ 14, North Staffs Poly 20; Lancshire Poly 16, Salford Univ 14; Sheffield Univ 28, Leeds Univ 8.

RUGBY UNION

TOSHIBA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Sussex v Hampshire, postponed (ground frozen).
CLUB MATCH: Cambridge Univ 22, Steele Bodger's XV 14.
NATIONAL STUDENT LEAGUE: Bristol University 17, Nottingham University 0.
SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Finals: Heriot Watt 0, St Andrew's 20.
CLUB MATCHES: Ayr 61, East Kilbride 4; Nottingham 21, Loughborough Students 12; Tradegar 4, Newport 22; Wakefield 14, Mossley 18.

SQUASH RACKETS

Pilkhill PREMIER LEAGUE: Lambs 5, Web Systems Surrey 0 (Lambs results first): B Beeson bt D Lee, 9-9, 9-7, 9-1, 9-6; J Nicolle bt N Stiles 9-2, 9-4, 9-7;

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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FONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Coventry v Leeds; Nottingham Forest v Derby. Second division: Sheffield Wed v West Brom; Grimsby v Middlesbrough.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Welsh Open, Cardiff.
BOXING: Derek Angol v Apollo Sweet, Commonwealth cruiserweight title, Elephant and Castle.
SNOOKER: UK Championship, Preston.

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Screensport 2.15-4.15 and 9.15pm-12.15am: College match and National Football League Game of the week.
BADMINTON: Eurosport 2-3 and 9-10pm: Highlights of the World Cup from China.
BASKETBALL: Eurosport 10-11pm: Highlights from the World Cup qualifying rounds.
BOXING: Screensport 12.45-2.15pm: Top Rank sweet from United States.
CYCLING: Eurosport 4-5pm and 11-midnight: Highlights of the track and road events from Lyon and Chambery, France. **EUROSPORT MENU:** Eurosport 8.30-9am.
EQUESTRIANISM: Eurosport 12-1pm and 5-6pm: Showjumping from Berlin.
FOOTBALL: Screensport 8-9am: Canadian League: Grey Cup: Western final: Eurosport 1-2pm: World Cup: Trinidad and Tobago v United States: Screensport 4.15-6pm: Spanish League: Real Madrid v Real Zaragoza: Screensport 7.30-9.15pm: Football from Argentina.
GOLF: Eurosport 10-midday and 7-8pm: Coverage of the Australian Open from Kingston Heath.
MOBIL MOTOR SPORTS NEWS: Eurosport 6-6.30pm.
POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 7-8am.
RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 10-11.30am: Tour match: France B v New Zealand: Screensport 6-7.30pm: Stones Bitter Championship: Hull v Wigan.
SKIING: Eurosport 3-4pm: Highlights of the World Cup: North American leg: Men's giant slalom from Waterville Valley, United States.
SNOOKER: BBC1 2.15-3.50pm and 11pm-12.30am: BBC2 4-4.35pm: UK Championship from Guild Hall, preston.
SURFING: Eurosport 6.30-7pm: Surfer magazine.
TRANS WORLD SPORT: Eurosport 9-10am: Sport from around the world.
UPDATE: Screensport 7.30pm.
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FIFA insists that seedings are still not decided

By Dennis Signy

Reports that João Havelange, the president of FIFA, football's world governing body, had said England would not be one of six seeded countries at the World Cup finals in Italy next June were dismissed yesterday by his own organization and the Football Association.

Quoted in the Italian sports newspaper, *Corriere dello Sport*, Havelange listed the seeds as Argentina, winners of the tournament in 1986, West Germany, runners-up that year, Italy, Brazil, Belgium and Spain.

A spokesman for FIFA in Zurich said he did not believe Havelange had been quoted correctly. At Lancaster Gate, headquarters of the FA, David Bloomfield, a spokesman, said: "We are more than happy to wait until December 7 when the World Cup organizing committee will make its pronouncements in Rome."

Bloomfield said the FA had made immediate inquiries about the reported comments of Havelange and were "receiving reassuring words". He said: "This seems to be one of a long line of rumours, albeit the first attributed to the FIFA president, and it is being shot down."

Decisions on seeding are scheduled to be announced on December 7, two days before the draw for the finals of the tournament, which will be staged from June 8 to July 8.

The FA has stated its case to the organizers and is hopeful that England will be seeded and thereby scheduled to play their matches in Sardinia, which it is hoped would make it easier for the authorities to control any hooligan element. Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, is due to meet the Italian organizers this weekend and is expected to ask for the England party to be based in Sardinia, whether seeded or not.

If England are based in Sardinia, then plans are afoot for a warm-up game against Tunisia on June 2. The FA has provisionally arranged the match to allow the players to acclimatize to conditions similar to those they could expect on the Mediterranean island. If England are based on Sardinia, the players and their wives will spend a week there from May 25 before flying across to north Africa for the match.

However, if they are to play their early group matches in Sicily, where it is much hotter, then Bobby Robson, the England manager, will reconsider his options.

"We would have to go somewhere that would give us heat acclimatization because Sicily, in particular, is going to be very hot," Glen Kirton, of the FA, said.

"Tunisia have tentatively agreed to a game and we could even stay there for a week first. Otherwise we could prepare on Cyprus or Malta."

Spackman in talks with Souness

Nigel Spackman looks set to become the sixteenth Englishman to join Rangers after the Scottish champions reached agreement with Queen's Park Rangers last night on a fee for the midfield player.

Spackman, who will be 29 on Saturday, flew to Glasgow yesterday evening to discuss personal terms with Graeme Souness, the Rangers manager, and the £600,000 deal now depends on those negotiations.

Earlier, Souness had admitted that the two clubs were "still apart" in their valuation of the former Liverpool player, who cost QPR £500,000 last February. The London club was understood to want around £750,000 for Spackman, but Rangers felt that the sum was too much for a player of his age.

Meanwhile, Souness's hopes of financing the Spackman deal by selling two players to Dundee for a package worth £450,000 appear to have fallen through. Scott Nisbet has rejected the move to the premier division's bottom club, while Ian McCall promised to give Dundee an answer shortly after discussing terms with Gordon Wallace, the Dundee manager.

● Nottingham Forest are poised to complete the £150,000 signing of the Icelandic international winger, Thorvaidur Orlygsson. The first division club has obtained a work permit for Orlygsson, aged 23, who was named Icelandic player of the year in the summer after leading KA Akureyri

● Ian Ferguson, the Heart of Midlothian forward, is joining Charlton Athletic on a month's loan.

Dean ends career at the top

Paul Dean, who has played 32 times for Ireland, announced his retirement from international rugby yesterday. He has not played since damaging knee ligaments in the first match of the British Isles tour to Australia last June.

Dean, who won five caps as a centre, has been Ireland's first choice stand-off half since 1984.

He said: "I've had a good run. I played in two triple crown winning sides, in the World Cup and toured with the Lions and Barbarians. I can't complain too much." He hopes to resume his club career with St Mary's College next season.

Argentina will play three matches in Ireland next season, including an international in Dublin on October 27.

Midlands' ground for venue choice

By Michael Austin

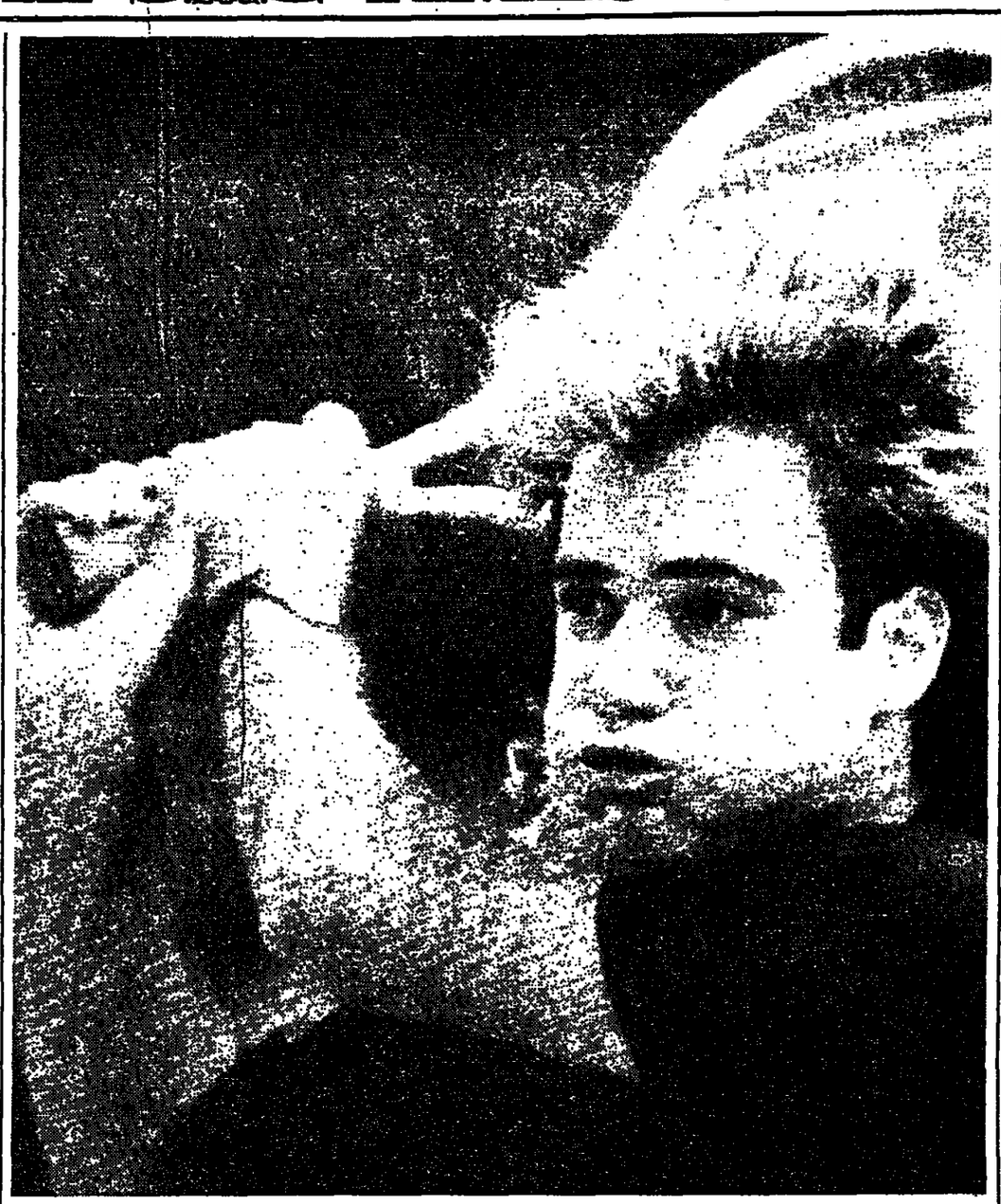
The Midlands yesterday defended their curious choice of venues, Coventry and Moseley, both in the west of the region, for the Toshiba divisional championship, which begins on Saturday with London playing at Coundon Road.

Despite their former eminence, the two host clubs provide only one player between them for the Midlands, Mark Linnett, the Moseley prop. That renders ground advantage meaningless for a division finishing bottom of the table last season and still thin in resources.

The venues were announced long before team selection but it was already obvious that the side would be heavily based on the East Midlands and Alan Davies, the Midlands coach, said: "With seven Nottingham players and three from Leicester in the team, it would have been better to have played on their grounds."

Mike Wilson, the Midlands secretary, emphasised : "We wanted to take a divisional match to Moseley for the first time and while people will watch Leicester and Nottingham on their home grounds, pulling in crowds for divisional games there is a different matter."

Even the nomination of Moseley for the match against the North on Saturday week has produced problems, with the pitch accidentally laid bare by weedkiller last May but Bernard Malin, Moseley's secretary, said yesterday: "It will be in good condition for the game."



Heading for defeat: Agassi, who wore an outfit of shocking pink, black and white, against Edberg in the Nabisco Masters

Becker beats a bitter rival

By Andrew Longmore

It was not a war, just a tennis match, Boris Becker said after his three-set victory over Brad Gilbert in the opening round of the group matches in the Nabisco Masters. The phrase is not new but, after a match punctuated by insults, injury, truculent spectators — quite apart from a ringing telephone — the Wimbledon champion could be forgiven for trotting it out again.

Becker, as he showed in winning the Masters title last year and the US Open in September, both for the first time, is well equipped to deal with the peculiar distractions of playing tennis in New York; he keeps up a steady rhythm, remains relaxed and, above all, keeps his sense of humour. Interrupted by a solo chant of "USA, USA" as he was about to serve, Becker stopped and called back quietly: "Germany, West Germany."

Only once did Becker lose his cool against an opponent he admits he not only dislikes playing, but does not like at all. At 3-3 and 30-30 in the final set, Gilbert hit a backhand pass which was called out. The American ran to the umpire to complain, Becker did the same and, for a fleeting moment, Madison Square Garden, the spiritual home of boxing, seemed set for another bout. Sensibly, in spite of being called a "wimp" by Gilbert, Becker backed off and did not respond when the American gave him another blast at the changeover.

"I guess we just don't like each other very much," Becker said.

You can see why. Gilbert is a pest; he buzzes around, evading all swats and stinging just where it hurts most. He precipitated John McEnroe's premature retirement from the game when he beat him in the 1986 Masters and has been annoying his opponents ever since. Before last night, Gilbert had beaten Becker four times out of five.

"He likes to play people with power and he runs well," Becker said. "I am the perfect guy for him." In tennis terms, that is.

The dislike is mutual. Gilbert finds Becker arrogant. "I certainly wouldn't call him up and say: 'Let's hang out together'. I don't think he thinks I am any good. He was lucky tonight."

All of which obscures the fact that Gilbert is an exceptional all-round player these days. He is quick, intelligent, has good rhythm on his ground strokes and, belying his reputation for the ordinary, has a fine touch. One rolled crosscourt forehand pass, played at full stretch, was worthy of McEnroe at his best. He has not, so far, produced his best in the Grand Slam events but so long as his right ankle, which troubled him again against Becker, and his self-belief hold up that could yet change, even at the age of 28.

At one set and 2-0 up, with Becker in one of his more faraway moods, Gilbert seemed set to improve his remarkable record against the West German. However, once roused, Becker levelled the match and, by returning to his basic serve-and-volley game, held sway thereafter. "I never thought I was going to lose until I was shaking hands with the umpire," Gilbert said.

Another potential grudge match passed off without incident, with Ivan Lendl beating Michael Chang, his conqueror in Paris, in straight sets. "Obviously there is a little bitterness when he plays me," Chang, who must have longed for the comfort of red clay as Lendl thrived on the fast indoor surface, said.

The opening match of the round-robin groups was more about fashion than tennis. Andre Agassi unveiled an outfit of pink, black and white, with matching accessories. The pink was truly shocking, as was much of Agassi's tennis as he lost in straight sets to Stefan Edberg. Agassi is scheduled to play Gilbert tomorrow, provided he has recovered from a neck strain.

It could be an interesting clash of styles because if, on the Gilbert scale of masculinity, Becker is a "wimp", goodness knows what that makes an opponent with a long painted fingernail.

RESULTS: I Lendl (Cz) bt M Chang (US), 6-1, 6-3; S Edberg (Swe) bt A Agassi (US), 6-4, 6-2; B Becker (WG) bt B Gilbert (US), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Oldham accepts cricket hot seat

By Martin Searby

Yorkshire have appointed Steve Oldham, their former seam bowler, as cricket manager, a decision which will come as a disappointment to those members who had been hoping for someone of the stature of Bobby Simpson, who is to manage Leicestershire, or Eddie Barlow, now in charge of Gloucestershire.

Yorkshire officials seem sure that Oldham can do a good job but his appointment was obviously influenced by financial as well as cricketing considerations. Yorkshire clearly cannot afford to spend the sort of cash required to bring in an outsider of high reputation.

Oldham, aged 41, is already under contract for five years in his former position of assistant coach. Now someone who left the county in high dudgeon to join Derbyshire at the end of the 1970s, has a position which very few people in the game will envy.

Oldham is confident he can sort out a team whose poor form combined with political in-fighting has helped reduce the Yorkshire membership to its lowest level for 10 years.

"Yes, it is a challenge but I'm not afraid of anybody inside or outside this club and I will be talking to each of the players to tell them what is required of them," Oldham said. "I know the size of the task, I've heard all the rumours and I know that the county is at its lowest ebb.

"While many people will say the job is beyond me I am absolutely confident that we have enough good players. There are those who have played for England, three going on the Under-19 tour to Australia and one on the B trip to Zimbabwe and they are the envy of other counties.

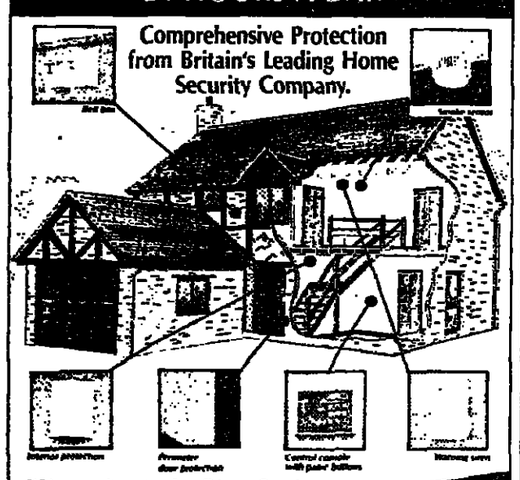
"No matter what anyone says, injuries last year were mainly responsible for such a poor performance. But I am aware that the members feel Yorkshire did not play the right sort of cricket and I am determined to put that right. "We have people in this club like Geoff Boycott and Fred Trueman who are legendary and it would be an awful shame if their skills were to die with them. I shall certainly want them to come back and talk to the players.

"I don't see there is any pressure on me, pressure is getting up at four o'clock in the morning and going down a pit for eight hours. I don't know a single cricketer who'd swap his job for that," he said.

Some members are bound to question whether a man who took 269 wickets in his career at an average of 31.72 is the right person to lead a long overdue revival. However, Brian Close, the cricket committee chairman, said: "We didn't have much of an option but he is a very experienced man who has the confidence of the players and we think he can do the job."

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Bright lights lose terrors for Bennett

By Steve Acteson

Television may be largely responsible for snooker's present eminence but, until Tuesday night, it had done little for Mark Bennett. In four years as a professional he had never won a match in front of the cameras.

Now Bennett, the world No. 47 from Blackwood, Gwent, has finally broken the jinx by inflicting a 9-3 defeat on Peter Francisco in the StormSeal United Kingdom Championship in Preston to reach the quarter-finals of a ranking tournament for the first time.

Bennett, with three ranking points tucked away and certain of prize-money of at least £12,000, will today match his talents against those of Stephen Hendry, of Scotland, ranked second in the world.

"I've only played Stephen once before and I came second," Bennett said. "He went on to win that tournament. I don't know if that's an omen but if he beats me again I'll be straight down to the bookmakers to have a few pounds on him."

Bennett would be the first to admit that he has not been as dedicated as his opponent. "I've been guilty of not being ambitious enough," he said. "But Hendry came from a background of snooker. He played as a boy and went straight from school to take it up as a career.

"I was a demolition worker and while that might make me appreciate some things more than Stephen it also means I had to fit in practice around a job. But I've made a total commitment to snooker now."

Mike Hallett, who had won only 19 frames in eight previous meetings with Steve Davis was proving a difficult proposition in their quarter-final yesterday.

Hallett, who has beaten Davis only once, was 4-3 behind at the main interval a vital fourth frame clearance of 95 showing how well he was coping with the pressure.

It was Davis who made the vital mistake in frame seven, going in off the black after taking the last red, enabling Hallett to reduce a potential three-frame deficit to only one.

RESULTS: Quarter-Finals (England unless stated): S Davis leads M Hallett, 4-3; T Griffiths (Wal) leads A Robidoux (Can), 7-0. Fifth round: J White bt J Johnson, 9-6; M Bennett (Wal) bt P Francisco (SA), 9-3.

Spearing transfer

Tony Spearing, Leicester City full-back, has asked for a transfer after failing to reclaim his first team place following an injury. Spearing, aged 25, was signed by Leicester for £100,000 from Norwich in the summer of 1988 and made 40 appearances in his first season at Filbert Street. This season he has played in only four first team games.

Cup is Italy bound

The World Cup winners' trophy will be brought to Italy, site of the 1990 finals, this weekend

Moorhouse upset by drugs decision

By Craig Lord

Swimmers and coaches have criticized the decision not to carry out tests for drug-taking in the European Cup in Sabadell, Spain, next week.

Adrian Moorhouse, the Olympic 100 metres breaststroke champion and world record holder, said the decision went against the efforts of competitors to promote swimming as a drugs-free sport.

Moorhouse who, with Michael Gross, of West Germany, the world recorder holder in the 200 metres butterfly, and Stephan Caron, of France, issued a declaration calling for competitors to be tested, said he was amazed that there would be no testing.

He said that the meeting was one of only two in which the top swimmers in Europe came together. He added: "This is our chance to say: 'Look, our sport is clean'. We can't do that now.

"I am confident Britain is taking a clean team but I am really not sure I could say the same of some European teams. I would like to be able to."

Moorhouse, whose declaration has been signed by thousands of swimmers worldwide, was backed by leading British coaches.

Harold Fox, vice-president of the British Swimming Coaches Association, said: "I agree with everything Adrian says. It is ridiculous there should be no testing at such a big meet.

"If there is no testing at top level international competition what is the point of all the effort by people here in Britain to get our own authorities to operate efficient testing practices?"

Norman Sarsfield, secretary of the European Swimming Federation, said the cost of testing was prohibitive. He said the federation did not consider it necessary to test at every meet and that it was enough to test at selected events, such as the European championships.

He said: "It costs £250 to test each cc of urine. That's an horrendous price.

"If people are so keen to have us test at every occasion, then they can find us a benefactor to pay for it all."

First test for League's appeals committee

By Keith Macklin

The first real challenge to the Rugby League's declared crackdown on head-high tackles will come today when a disciplinary appeals committee considers appeals by St Helens and Huddersfield against the suspensions imposed on Shane Cooper and Paul Grayshon.

Cooper was banned for eight matches and Grayshon for six at the same hearing at which Paul Moriarty, of Widnes, also received an eight-match suspension. A date for the Widnes appeal on behalf of Moriarty has yet to be fixed.

Both St Helens and Huddersfield claim that the suspensions were excessive. St Helens have also argued that Cooper was not sent off by the referee in the game against Barrow, and that the alleged high-tackling offence only came to light after a complaint by Barrow.

Jonathan Griffiths, the Welsh Rugby Union international half-back, seems likely to resume his rugby league playing career for St Helens in the Regal Trophy first round match against Hull Kingston Rovers on Saturday. Griffiths has been out for two months with a groin injury.

St Helens' New Zealand threequarter signing, Tea Ropati, is unable to play on Saturday because of a knee injury.

Wigan's Australian, Phil Blake, seems virtually certain to miss what had been planned as a farewell home appearance in the Regal Trophy game against Doncaster on Sunday. Blake has a groin injury, which caused him to leave the field against Hull last Sunday.

SPORT IN BRIEF

American challenge

Amy Frazier will lead the United States women's under-21 tennis team to meet Britain in the Maureen Connolly Cup from December 6-8 at Cardiff. Frazier, aged 17, is joined by Elly Hakami, Audra Keller, Kimberley Kessaris and Jennifer Santrock.

The Americans, beaten in the past two years, had threatened to choose their strongest side, but found no place for Jennifer Capriati.

Milk float

Northern Ireland's National Dairy Council has signed a three-year sponsorship of the Northern Ireland Milk Race. The five-day amateur cycling international starts in Belfast on April 12.



Shaw: held up

Shaw's trial

Gary Shaw's hopes of rebuilding his Football League career have been hindered by the reluctance of the Austrian club, Klagenfurt, to release him on a free transfer.

First time

Britain will have a six-man cycling team in the 10-day tour of East Germany for the first time next year.

Tomba wins

Alberto Tomba won the opening men's World Cup alpine skiing slalom race of the season at Waterville Valley, New Hampshire yesterday.

Rugby tour

Argentina will make a three-match rugby union tour of Ireland next October which will include an international on October 27.

Coyle top

John Coyle, the English star class referee, has been named official of the year by the World Boxing Association.

Frosted off

The Toshiba rugby union county championship match between Sussex and Hampshire at Brighton last night was called off because of a frosty pitch.